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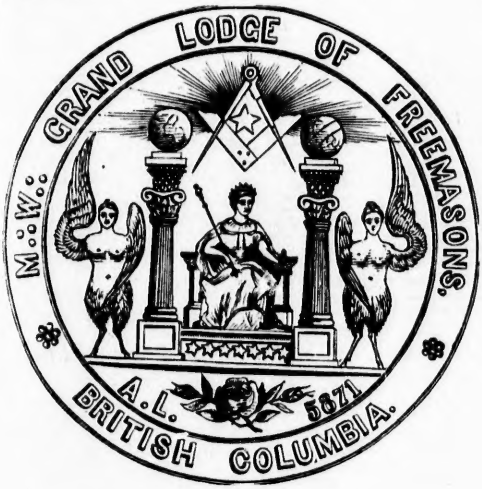
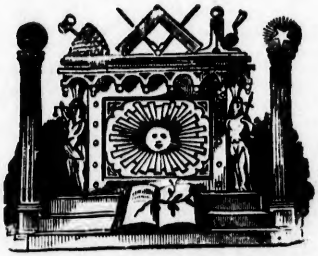
# Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

I, EDWARD COLLINS NEUFELDER, Grand Secretary of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body at the Special Communication held at the City of Victoria, on Saturday, the 23rd day of July, 5883, and of the Thirteenth Annual Communication, commenced at the City of Nanaimo, on Saturday, the 21st June, 5884, and terminated on 21st June, 5884, and of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges, together with other matters authorized to be published.




In Testimony whereof I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, at the office of the Grand Secretary in the Masonic Temple, City of Victoria, this first day of August, in the year of Light, Five thousand eight hundred and eighty-four

Edwd. C. Neufelder
Grand Secy



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## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

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**The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, held a Special Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, on the 28th day of July, A.D. 1883, A.L. 5883, at 2 P.M.**

**The following named Grand Officers were present:—**

M.·.W.·. Bro. Edgar Crow Baker.....Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. " Eli Harrison, Sen.....Past Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. " Coote M. Chambers.....Past Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. " Henry Brown.....Past Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. " Thomas Trounce.....Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. " William Dalby.....Senior Grand Warden.
R.·.W.·. " Robert Beaven.....Junior Grand Warden.
V.·.W.·. " M. W. Waitt.....Grand Treasurer.
V.·.W.·. " R. H. Smith.....Grand Chaplain.
V.·.W.·. " A. R. Milne.....Grand Secretary.
W.·. " James Millar.....Acting Senior Grand Deacon.
W.·. " Dixi H. Ross.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W.·. " Edward C. Neufelder.....Acting Grand Marshal.
" W. F. O'Connor.....Acting Grand Tyler.

**And a number of Past Grand Officers and Brethren from a distance; also nearly the entire membership of the City Lodges.**

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master in a short address stated the object of this Special Communication, and directed the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary to read the letter of Invitation from J. H. Lawson, Esq., the Hon. Secretary of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home, which was a follows:—

VICTORIA, B. C., 11th July, 1883.

A. R. MILNE, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M.,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home to ask if the A.F. and A. Masons would kindly undertake the laying of the foundation stone of the new building about to be erected for the Orphans' Home in this city. The building is to be commenced at once, and if this application is favorably considered arrangements will be made for having the foundation stone laid at any time convenient to you.

I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,
J. H LAWSON,
Hon. Sec. B. C. P. O. Home.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master stated that the matter had been laid before him, and he had referred the same to the Board of General Purposes, who heartily concurred and had fixed this Saturday, the 28th instant, and had so directed the Grand Secretary to inform them accordingly.

All things being in readiness W.·. Bro. Edward C. Neufelder, Grand Marshal, formed the procession in the following order :

Tyler, with drawn swords.
Stewards, with rods.
Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts.
Visiting Brethren.
Brother with Banner of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
Master Masons of Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, two and two.
Brother with Banner of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
Master Masons of Victoria-Columbia, No. 1, two and two.
Past Masters, two and two.
Royal Arch Masons, two and two.

Band.
Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.
Grand Stewards, with white rods.
Grand Superintendent of Works, with square, level and plumb.
Grand Secretary; with Book of Constitutions.
Grand Treasurer, with various coins, documents, etc.
Brother with Bible, Square and Compasses.
Grand Chaplain.
Past Grand Wardens.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Committee of Protestant Orphans' Home.
Mayor and Council.
Junior Grand Warden, with silver vessel filled with oil.
Senior Grand Warden, with silver vessel filled with wine.
Deputy Grand Master, with gold vessel filled with corn.
Past Grand Masters.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Master.
Grand Standard Bearer.
Grand Sword Bearer.

Grand Marshal, } Under orders of
Grand Director of Ceremonies, } M.·.W.·. Grand Master.

ROUTE THROUGH STREETS.

From Masonic Temple through Douglas street to Johnson; along Johnson street to Government; through Government street to Fort; up Fort street to Blanchard; thence to objective point.

The head of the procession having arrived at the objective point the Brethren halted, opened to the right and left, and uncovered. The Grand Master and his officers passed through the lines to the platform constructed for the occasion; the rest of the Brethren surrounded the platform (inside the circle of spectators) forming a hollow square; those officers having parts to take in the ceremony being near the Grand Master.

Bro. A. A. Green, President of the Orphans' Home Committee, with a few well chosen remarks presented the M.·. W.·. Grand Master with a silver trowel. After a suitable reply by the M.·.W.·. G. M. Baker, the ceremony proceeded. The Grand Marshal proclaiming silence said: By authority of

the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, of the Province of British Columbia, and in obedience to his order, I do now command and require all persons here assembled to preserve silence and to observe due order and decorum during the ceremonies of this occasion. This proclamation I make once, twice, thrice, in the South, West and East. The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

It has been the custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons from time immemorial to assemble for the purpose of laying foundation stones of churches, public buildings and monuments, when requested so to do by those in authority. The Committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home having invited the Fraternity to lay the foundation stone of the building to be erected by them, our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge has been here convened by our order, and it is our will and pleasure that the Officers and Brethren here assembled do now assist us in this work. R.·.W.·. Senior Grand Warden you will communicate this to the R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, and he to the Craft, that they having due notice this foundation stone may be laid in ample form.

The band played short appropriate selections.

The necessary preparations having been made for laying the stone, (on which was engraved "Protestant Orphans' Home, erected 28th July, A. D. 1883, A. L. 5883, Edgar Crow Baker, Most Worshipful Grand Master,") it was raised with a Lewis and suitable tackle.

Prayer was then offered by the Grand Chaplain.

By command of the Grand Master the Grand Treasurer then placed under the stone various coins and documents.

The Grand Secretary read a list of the same as follows:

History of the Protestant Orphanage, on parchment.
Newspapers of the Province.
Anderson's Essay on British Columbia.
Coins of England.
Coins of Canada.
Coins of the United States of America.
List of Grand Lodge Officers.
Constitution of Protestant Orphanage.
Tenth Annual Report of Protestant Orphanage.
Resources of British Columbia, (Periodical.)

Solemn music by the band, during which the stone was lowered by three distinct motions.

The band ceased playing at the third motion, and the choir in attendance sang hymn 491—" Christ is our Corner Stone."

The Grand Superintendent of Works then presented the working tools to the Grand Master, who handed—

The Square to the Deputy Grand Master.

The Level to the Senior Grand Warden.

The Plumb to the Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master then addressed the Grand Officers as follows :

R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, What is the proper jewel of your office?

D.·. G.·. M.·. The Square.

G.·. M.·. What are its moral and masonic uses?

D.·. G.·. M.·. To govern our actions by the square of virtue and prove our work.

G.·. M.·. Apply the implements of your office to those portions of the stone that should be squared, and make report.

The D.·. G.·. M.·. applied the square to the stone and reported : M.·. W.·. I find the stone to be square, the craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master. R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, What is the proper jewel of your office?

S.·. G.·. W.·. The Level.

G.·. M.·. What are its moral and masonic uses?

S.·. G.·. W.·. Morally it reminds us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

G.·. M.·. Apply the implements of your office to the stone, and make report.

The Senior Grand Warden applied the level to the stone and replied : M.·. W.·. I find the stone to be level, the craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master. R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, What is the proper jewel of your office?

J.·. G.·. W.·. The Plumb.

G.·. M.·. What are its moral and masonic uses?

J.·. G.·. W.·. Morally it teaches rectitude of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G.·. M.·. Apply the implement of your office to the stone, and make report.

The Junior Grand Warden applied the plumb to the stone and reported: Most Worshipful I find the stone is plumb, the craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master. This corner stone has been tested by the proper implements of masonry; I find that the craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I do declare the stone to be well formed, "true and trusty," and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft. Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

At this juncture the G.·. D.·. C.·. directed the Grand Stewards to hand the following vessels to officers respectively:

Gold vessel containing corn to Deputy Grand Master.
Silver vessel containing wine to Senior Grand Warden.
Silver vessel containing oil to Junior Grand Warden.

The D.·. G.·. M.·. went forward with the vessel of corn and poured it upon the stone, saying:

I pour this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessing of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and inspire us and the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response: So mote it be.

The S.·. G.·. W.·. then went forward with the vessel of wine and poured it upon the stone, saying:

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the great Ruler of the universe bless and prosper our Dominion, Provincial, and City governments, preserve the British Empire, and may it be a bond of friendship and brotherly love that shall endure through all time.

Response: So mote it be.

The J.·. G.·. W.·. then went forward with the vessel of oil and poured it upon the stone, saying:

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessings abide with us continually, and may the Grand Master of Heaven and Earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan; shield and protect them from the trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow his mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted, the sorrowing, that they may know sorrow and trouble no more.

Response: So mote it be.

The Grand Master then struck the stone three times with the gavel. Standing in front of all, his hands extended, he offered the following invocation :

May the beneficent Author of Nature bless the people of this Province with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life ; assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen against every accident, and preserve the structure from decay, and grant to us all a sufficient supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Amen.

Response : So mote it be.

The Public Grand Honors were then given.

The Grand Master then delivered the plans and impleplements of architecture to the Architect, saying :

Worthy Sir : Having thus as Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to condnct the same.

Anthem by the Choir, "Behold how Good and Joyful," after which the Grand Master addressed the assemblage:

Men and Brethren here assembled, be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the Brethren, and to fear God the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us concealed from the eyes of all men secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never yet been found out, but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted in peace and honor to the Freemasons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honorable we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We have assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to lay the foundation stone of a house for the reception of the orphans of our Province, which we pray God may prosper to completion, becoming a place in every way adapted for its occupants and be the means of promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world till time shall be no more.

The Brethren all responded, So mote it be.

At the conclusion of the address Bro. Geo. Frye, of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, came forward and addressed the M.·.W.·. Grand Master :

On behalf of the Masonic Fraternity of the City of Victoria it gives me much pleasure to hand you this purse containing the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and request that you will donate the same in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home.

The Brethren in keeping with a time honored custom then walked around the stone, each placing upon it his contribution, which added to the above donation made a total sum of $372.40 contributed by the Brethren.

An oration was then delivered by the Hon. W. J. Macdonald, Senator, after which the choir rendered the Hymn No. 41, "All people, &c."

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Bishop Cridge, R. E. C.

Benediction was then pronounced by the V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. R. H. Smith, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal then reformed the procession and returned by the same route to the Masonic Temple, Douglas street. After a brief address by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master to the Brethren, expressing his personal thanks for their large attendance, he proceeded to close the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.

And it was closed accordingly.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
Grand Master.

A. R. MILNE,
Grand Secretary.

# PROCEEDINGS

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## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

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**The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia commenced its Thirteenth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, on Saturday, the 21st day of June, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M.**

### ROLL CALL.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master ordered the V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Officers and Past Elective Grand Officers (being permanent members of the Grand Lodge), when the following Brethren answered to their names :

### GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·.W.·. Edgar Crow Baker.....Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Robert Beaven.....Junior Grand Warden.
V.·.W.·. Alex'r R. Milne.....Grand Secretary.
W.·. Alexander Easson..... " Supt. of Works.
W.·. Andrew Haslam..... " Standard Bearer
W.·. Robert Elder..... " Pursuivant.
Bro. William Trickey..... " Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

R.·.W.·. Mark Bate.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. William Dalby..... " Senior Grand Warden.

With the Representatives of the following chartered Lodges, viz:

Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.
Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.
Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
Union Lodge, No. 9.

There were also present the Grand Representatives of the following Most Worshipful Grand Lodges:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

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| Arkansas, | Indiana, |
| Canada, | Kansas, |
| California, | New South Wales, |
| Georgia, | Scotland. |

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following named Brethren to fill the places of absentees in the roll of Grand Officers, *pro. tempore*, viz:

Bro. Mark Bate.....Deputy Grand Master.
" Wm. Dalby.....Senior Grand Warden.
" Alex. Mayer.....Grand Treasurer.
" C. C. McKenzie..... " Senior Deacon.
" John Buie..... " Junior Deacon.
" Ralph Craig..... " Stand'rd Bearer
" Alfred Summerhayes..... " Supt. of Works.
" Marcus Wolfe..... " Organist.
" William A. Horne..... " Marshal.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in AMPLE FORM by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia, Edgar Crow Baker, Esq., M. P., and proclamation duly made thereof according to the established ceremonies by the Grand Marshal.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master announced the following Committee on Credentials:

W.·. Bro. C. C. McKenzie, W.·.M.·. Victoria-Col. Lodge, No. 1.
W.·. " John Buie, W.·.M.·. Union Lodge, No. 9.
" Ralph Craig, S. W. Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.
V.·.W.·. " Alex. R. Milne, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labor to refreshment for half an hour to allow the above named Committee time to examine proxies and make their report.

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## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,
Saturday, 21st June, A. L., 5884.

At the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, the M.·. W.·. Edgar Crow Baker, Grand Master, presiding.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Alex. R. Milne, Grand Secretary, for the Committee on Credentials, submitted their report which was received and adopted subject to the necessary amendments during the session.

The report, as amended, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Credentials having discharged the duty assigned to them, respectfully report that they have examined the Certificates of Representatives, and find the following named Brethren present and entitled to seats and votes in this Grand Lodge, according to the provisions of our Constitution, viz:

From Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1:
Bro. C. C. McKenzie, Worshipful Master,
" Edgar Crow Baker, as proxy for Senior Warden,
" Robert Elder, as proxy for Junior Warden.

From Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2:
Bro. Alex. R. Milne, as proxy for Worshipful Master,
" William Dalby, as proxy for Senior Warden,
" Robert Beaven, as proxy for Junior Warden.

From Ashlar Lodge, No. 3:
Bro. Samuel Drake, Worshipful Master,
" Ralph Craig, Senior Warden,
" Alfred Summerhayes, Junior Warden.

From Union Lodge, No. 9:
" Bro. John Buie, Worshipful Master,
" Andrew Haslam, as proxy for Senior Warden,
" John Buie, as proxy for Junior Warden.

As a number of Brethren are prevented from being present at the morning session by unavoidable causes, further representation is anticipated during the day; your committee would therefore respectfully ask for further time to complete their report.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. C. McKENZIE,
W. M. Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.
JOHN BUIE,
W. M. Union, No. 9.
RALPH CRAIG,
S. W. Ashlar, No. 3.
A. R. MILNE,
Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials be granted further time to complete their report.

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS, 1883.

### ANNUAL.

Resolved, That the reading of the Journal of Proceedings of the last Annual Communication be dispensed with, the same having been distributed to the members of Grand Lodge and the several subordinate Lodges in printed form, and that the said printed copy now before the Grand Lodge being a correct transcript of the Twelfth Annual Communication is hereby confirmed and adopted as presented.

### SPECIAL.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master directed the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary to read the Journal of Proceedings of the Special Communication held at the City of Victoria, B. C., on the 28th day of July, A. D. 1883, A. L. 5883, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Protestant Orphans' Home, in the said City of Victoria.

The V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary then read *in extenso* the proceedings of the said Special Communication.

Resolved, That the minutes of the Special Communication held on the 28th July last, as read by the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary be confirmed, and that the same be printed and embodied in the volume of proceedings of the present session.

REGRETS.

Letters of regret were read by the V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary, from the undermentioned eminent and esteemed Brethren, viz:

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Trounce, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Henry Brown, Past Grand Master.
V.·.W.·. Bro. E. C. Neufelder, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

And on motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. William Dalby the letters were ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary, A. R. Milne, hereupon stated that there was no doubt that the reason of the paucity of members was due to the difficulty of making satisfactory arrangements to enable members of Grand Lodge to return to their respective homes without a greater loss of time and inconvenience to their business than many could afford, and more particularly in regard to representatives from the Mainland who, in order to attend this session have had to travel *via* Victoria, necessitating a loss of about ten days to be in attendance at this session, the present arrangement for our more prompt return, is entirely due to the kindness and courtesy of Bro. Captain John Irving, Manager of the C. P. N. Co., and Bro. Captain George Rudlin, who in the present as well as the past have always shown members of this Grand Lodge every consideration.

ADMITTED TO SEATS.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then announced from the East that all Master Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Lodge during the present session.

CALLED OFF.

On motion of Bro. Ralph Craig, which was duly seconded and carried, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1.30 P. M. this day.

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# In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Saturday, June 21st, A. L. 5884.

1.30 o'clock, the hour to which the Grand Lodge was called off, having arrived, labor was resumed at the sound of the gavel in the East. M.·.W.·. Edgar Crow Baker, Grand Master, presiding. Present: Grand Officers and Representatives as at the morning session.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master, Edgar Crow Baker, then delivered his Annual Address, which is as follows:

R.·.W.·., V.·.W.·., AND W.·. BRETHREN:

Again we are permitted by the all-wise, and ever merciful Grand Architect of the Universe to carry out the Constitution, and resolve of last session, by assembling together at this thirteenth session of our Masonic Parliament for the purpose of interchanging our views and opinions in relation to our much cherished institution, for the adoption of such measures as may be best calculated to promote its welfare and usefulness, to counsel "with" one another and legislate "upon" such matters as may be rightly and properly brought before us, and generally to arive at such conclusions and enact such laws as will, in our honest conviction, tend to strengthen the ties between us and preserve that love and harmony which we all profess so much to admire. We should, therefore, my Brethren, earnestly endeavor to keep and preserve in all our deliberations that unity of feeling and sentiment which should ever characterize our intercourse as true Masons; and with equal vigilance should we strive to maintain a close approximation of that "Peace and Harmony" which prevailed amongst the workmen at the building of the first Temple, which was planned by our ancient Masters, constructed by them under the guidance of the Great Architect, and brought to a glorious completion

in a little more than seven years; we are taught also in the Book of Holy Writ and in one of the sections of our Lectures that every piece of timber and every block of marble were nicely prepared and fitted to their respective places, so that during the whole period of construction "no sound of axe, hammer, or other metallic tool was heard," and when the work was finished Mount Moriah shone with the glory of that Temple, and was crowned with a beautiful Masonic symbol of "Union and Friendship."

Now, Brethren, what I am endeavoring to lead up to, (though it may be in a round-about way), is simply this, that if some 184,000 persons of whom 114,000 were Masons (banded together similar to ourselves) could perform in seven years so much so skillfully and so silently to the glory of the Ruler of the Universe, surely there is something left for our little band of 300 to do! 'Tis true that for so few who are regularly enrolled under our banners, much has been accomplished. At almost every place where our Lodges are held (with one exception only) the buildings belong to the members of the fraternity and all are neatly and appropriately furnished and the Lodges themselves financially in a healthy condition. But what I am more particularly anxious to refer to is the personnel, and not the material. Are we in short a progressive or a retrograde body? Are we using every effort, individually and collectively as Masons, to approximate to and imitate that peace and harmony which prevailed and was practised by the Masons in those early days? Do we as occasions offer and opportunities present themselves, with the material flowing in from the old country, as also the unaffiliated and demitted brethren within our jurisdiction, take any pains to secure the one or win back to our fold the other? Do we sufficiently regard and esteem those who come amongst us in the sense that Masons should greet and receive one another, by nicely preparing every piece of "timber" (chips of the old hearts of oak which made England what she is to-day) however rude and crude it may be? or equally well prepare the "blocks of marble", which are after all the same material with educational advantages? Do we, I say, make use of sufficient energy and devote the necessary time to enquire who have come among us, and arrange so that both "rough and perfect ashlars" may be fitted into their respective places in our Lodge-rooms, so that the one may benefit by the presence of the other, and both be a source of strength to us? ever remembering that "union is strength and knowledge is power." Then again do we use the axe, hammer, and other metallic tools in a judicious manner, *and without noise*, i. e. without mentioning on the outside what is done within? Are we not on the contrary too prone to use the *axe* and lop a member from the tree of our Lodge for non-payment of dues? Is not the *hammer* of authority occasionally used to

silence some brother who may be acting from zeal but possibly lacking discretion, which disgusts or disheartens him, and he voluntarily withdraws from us? Are there not also other metallic tools used in anything but a handsome and generous spirit, and which it would be idle to mention? Lastly, are we not too flippant with our tongues, and both say and do things diametrically opposite to our professions as Masons concerning even the brethren of our own Lodge? and is it then to be wondered at if the outside world fail to appreciate us, *as a body*, as Masons, when we ourselves too frequently forget that our motto is "*Audi Vide Tace*?" and consequently our work, imperfect in any case, cannot be expected to shine with the glory of the temple on Mount Moriah, or be crowned with any beautiful Masonic symbol.

In considering the foregoing interrogatories we must be honest and true to ourselves and to the Craft generally; and, though I say it with reluctance, we can hardly answer these desiderata in the affirmative—for though it is the source of much pride and pleasure to us to know that our beneficent institution is distinguished for its prosperity in almost every portion of the civilized world, we do not find in our fair Province any very marked step of the "onward march" of our beloved Order. It is, however, a matter for congratulation that we hold our own numerically, and that the sublime principles and doctrines inculcated are productive of the happiest results on the moral and intellectual condition of the Craft wherever dispersed through this section of the Dominion, wherein and wherever the "mystic lights" shining on all nations still illumine our path and enable us to dispense our rites and benefits to all who (being worthy and well qualified) are desirous of receiving them in the peaceful observance of our ancient customs.

Now, Brethren, in this delightful country of ours—a province amply enriched by nature, possessing an endless variety of resources, and a climate unsurpassed—are we making the most of our geographical position and the steadily increasing influx of a cosmopolitan population to increase the acknowledged superiority of our ancient Order by adding to its strength? In a country like this the Order should be as highly appreciated as in the United States of America, where we find year after year by their reports that Masonry is decidedly progressive; that the voice of prejudice is hushed into silence, the spirit of party has ceased its ravings, and the strong arm of legislative tyranny is no longer raised to arrest the progress of our good works. Are not these assurances equally applicable to us, and should they not serve as an incentive to us to be actuated by the noblest impulses and awaken us to new convictions of Masonic duty and obligation—to spur us on to substantial work, so that our dormant energies may be aroused to vigorous action and a keen spirit for more enlight-

ened enquiry regarding the Craft? Many noble workmen have been led, are still being and doubtless in the future will be, led by the Greater Light, eager to comprehend the profound mysteries of the Order and explore the regions of moral philosophy and religious truth. The sun of Divine Revelation casts its luminous rays over our dark and degraded nature and the great truths of the Book of Holy Writ seem to brood over the restless waters like some smiling angel with the light of heaven upon her brow. Let us therefore, my Brethren, follow the example of those who are great and good in the land, and see if we cannot during the ensuing year rekindle the smouldering embers and fan them into a blaze of Masonic light. So far, to my mind at least, Masonry in our own jurisdiction has not assumed the elevated position and healthful prominence of which we are capable of raising it to and which it is unquestionably entitled to claim from us all. With a few exceptions (very few I trust if any) I am assured that those who have been united to us during the past year, are men of moral and intellectual truth and worth—the unworthy should never be permitted to enter our temple or profane its altars. This prohibition is entirely in the hands of each and every one of us, if we will only be true to ourselves and conserve the truest interests of our Order by making personal considerations subservient to Masonic principle. We should carefully scrutinize the character of every candidate for the mysteries; the strictest examination should be made into the history of his life and conduct by members of the Order, who are not only persons thoroughly disinterested in the individual but are themselves known among the Brethren to be men of integrity and whose lives will stand fair criticism—for no one should ever pass the porch of our mystic edifice, or enter the middle chamber, until he has been duly and truly prepared, i. e. if we are true to the Craft by introducing only desirable material and keeping our doors open to the good and true only. Then, again, an Entered Apprentice should not be passed to the more honorable degree of a Fellow Craft, nor the latter raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason until his mind is fully invested with the principles of the degree preceding each and he himself impressed with the lectures in each. If the first and second steps have been cautiously and considerately taken, we may reasonably expect that he may rightfully be conducted into the "holy of holies," be allowed the high privilege of walking in that "solemn retreat," have his soul filled with many of the "loftiest impulses" of our Order, and never be ashamed of his profession as a "Master of the Mystic Art," resting fully assured that "if he never disgraces that badge it will never disgrace him."

I am much afraid, Brethren, not only in this Province but throughout the world generally, there are too many Lodges unmind-

ful of their duties in yielding to the solicitations of candidates to be passed and raised. Just a little reflection will teach us that no one should be permitted to take the second degree until he be thoroughly grounded in the first, and in no case other than one of great emergency should the third be conferred until the candidate has manifested suitable proficiency in the principles of the previously mentioned degrees.

We do know of a period in the history of our Order when the conference of the third degree was regarded as a mark of the highest honor, and when none but men of moral and intellectual worth could enter on the Master's carpet. The Entered Apprentice represents one who has commenced a great moral undertaking and must necessarily call into requisition his best energies to reach that eminence, which few of the Craft have attained. It requires no very great labor to obtain all the degrees of Ancient Masonry, to possess a fair knowledge of its ritual, and become familiar with its forms and ceremonies; but it is a stupendous work to learn and understand thoroughly, or even superficially for our purposes, the deep and profound mysteries of our Institution. Everyone must be his own architect and the builder of his own house; the great designs are laid out on the Masonic tracing-board, and he must pursue them strictly if he would present a suitable specimen of moral work with his mark upon it. There is being erected upon the summit of the Celestial Moriah a temple whose foundations are eternal—its corner-stone was laid by the Grand Master of the Universe at the fall of man; it has been in progress for ages and is yet unfinished; some of its beautiful materials may be furnished from this far-off country; many immortal ashlars have been taken thither and placed in the massive structure, but many more must be prepared, marked, numbered and approved ere that temple can be finished and its cope-stone brought forth with songs of triumph. Let our great aim, Brethren, be to form some portion of that material, that we may be privileged to join, when we are summoned, in bringing forth that cope-stone, which is the "topmost stone" in that building "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

### FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is an old adage that "it is dangerous to leave the beaten track," and therefore I will pay all deference to those eminent brothers who have preceded me in this high office by not departing from the usual custom in dealing with this ever recurring and yet dutiful task before proceeding to other matters of interest to the Craft. Since our last Grand Annual Communication at New Westminster we have had abundant matter both of congratulation and regret—for congratulation in the sure and steadily increasing prosperity of the land of our

adoption, and the still brighter outlook for the near future; and for regret in the severe loss which this Grand Lodge has sustained in the death of one of its most valued, efficient, and respected officers, our V.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Robert Hall Smith, Grand Chaplain of our Order, who at 8.45 a. m. on Thursday, the 15th November last, was called from his labor of love amongst us to that refreshment prepared for him in the Grand Lodge of the Universe, where our Supreme Architect and Master forever presides. Our departed brother was born at Barrie, in the Province of Ontario, and had only reached his 45th year. He came to us in connection with the Methodist Church, and was their pastor for several years; but holding views upon certain religious points not altogether in harmony with those held by a number of the members of his congregation, more particularly upon the subject of "everlasting punishment," he resigned his pulpit in preference to preaching a doctrine in which he personally did not believe, as also having in some essentials to refrain from giving utterance to some views which at present may be regarded as "somewhat in advance of the period"; he preferred rather to surrender his *bread* than his *conscience*. As many of you may remember, he was "one man among many" who rather than earn an easy livelihood under a hypocritical garb gave up his little all to be true. He got together a small congregation of persons to whom his views and principles were palatable, and with a little additional revenue earned by theological lectures he managed to eke out an existence—for it could hardly be called a living—until a combination of unhappy incidents brought him to an early grave, at a time when he could ill be spared. I may mention, for fear of being misunderstood, that the two principal reasons or causes of death may be attributed to the death of his wife, only ten days previously, and disappointment at not being in a position to straighten up his finances owing to the tardiness of the Dominion Government in not forwarding his commission as Dominion Immigration Agent, for which position he had been nominated. These two circumstances combined with a very heavy cold which settled on his lungs, caught while tilling a small piece of land for the purpose of more certain bread and butter, caused his death. His loss to us would have been irreparable had he not bequeathed an invaluable legacy in the example of virtue and piety which his life so eminently exhibited. I may say with all truth that his knowledge of Masonry was such as to make him one of the brightest ornaments of the Order, while his devoted attachment to its tenets and his daily practice of its precepts had rendered him one of its most exemplary members. As a man and as a Mason he ever squared his actions by the teachings of Divine Revelation and ever consulted the great Masonic Trestleboard in all his relations with his fellow man. I deemed it to be only my duty to

instruct the Grand Secretary to give official notice of this severe loss to our Subordinate Lodges, and to drape them in mourning for the space of thirty days. A committee from the Board of General Purposes was appointed to draft a suitable letter of condolence to his three daughters in this their double bereavement, and which I trust will be embodied in these Proceedings. Lastly, I caused an Emergency meeting of Grand Lodge Officers to be convened on the 18th of November, 1883, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother under the auspices of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, of which Lodge deceased was a member. The following G.·. L.·. Officers attended me on this occasion: Bros. Thomas Trounce, D.·.G.·.M.·., Robert Beaven, J.·.G.·.W.·., Corn. Thorne, P.·.S.·.G.·. W.·., Henry Brown, P.·.G.·.M.·., M. W. Waitt, Grand Treasurer, A. R. Milne, Grand Secretary, John Teague, Robert Elder, and H. L. Jones; also Bros. D. H. Ross, Jas. Millar, and E. C. Neufelder were present on the occasion, but attending respectively as Master of Lodge No. 2, 1st Principal of the R. A. Chapter, and Junior Warden of Lodge No. 2. The two Lodges of A. O. U. W. led the procession; four members of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge and four from R. A. Chapter acted as pall-bearers; the Rev. Coverdale Watson performed the funeral service in a most touching and impressive manner in the Methodist Church, and the Masonic burial service at the grave by Bro. D. H. Ross, W.·.M.·. of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, assisted by myself at his request. Our departed brother has left us not only the rich legacy of an exemplary life, but also those upon whom (three daughters) his tenderest affection as a father was lavished, and has asked for them at our hands a Mason's care and a Mason's charity; let us remember this sacred trust and act towards them as none but Masons can act, with a liberality which knows no bounds and a kindness which fetters itself with no restraints. The mournful yet dutiful task of chronicling the demise of eminent brethren in different parts of the world I leave to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and that of other brethren of this jurisdiction I can safely place in the hands of the Grand Secretary, so that matter of that nature may appear where it rightfully belongs, viz., in the respective reports of those Brethren.

### REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

The labor of revision of our Constitution in keeping with resolution of last Session has been and still is engaging the unremitting care and attention of the Board of General Purposes, though much as I should desire it, I am reluctantly compelled to bring myself to the conclusion that it will not be ready in such shape as one and all could wish for intelligent legislation this session. It must be remembered,

Brethren, that the Constitutions of Freemasonry have charged us to preserve inviolably the ancient landmarks; but how can we obey this injunction if we know not the boundaries of our moral domain? Our territories seem to be built up without limit, and bordering on the limit of the skies—its metes and bounds can only be discerned by the spiritual eye—but there are peculiar marks of distinction by which we may be set apart from the world; there is a *clear title* to the region of light, which has been handed down from generation to generation an unwritten deed, which contains words of perpetuity, and which embraces all the stores of knowledge; we have certain universal laws which are regarded as landmarks; our language and laws, our ceremonies and usages, must be preserved. Ignorance or the spirit of innovation might mar the beauty and symmetry of our institution, whose foundation covers the grave of original innocence and whose structure rises sublimely above the ruins of death. We have in consequence to be very careful that in making laws which may appear to fit in, so to speak, or meet what may appear to us to be necessary for the Craft in this jurisdiction, we do not tread too closely upon an infringement of the ancient landmarks, and thus allow our zeal to override our discretion. I think, therefore, you will agree with me that much as we require a good workable Constitution, a set of laws freed from ambiguity and misconception, it is equally desirable that we go cautiously to work lest we "act in haste and repent at lelsure."

### VISITATIONS.

Official visits to Subordinate Lodges in a large and sparsely settled province like ours must necessarily be few and far between. These even, again, have to be somewhat lessened by the peculiar and varied occupation of the person holding the position of Grand Master from time to time. In my own particular case I would humbly crave the indulgence and charitable forbearance of my Brethren belonging to the Mainland Lodges, and plead that an absence of some four months in each year attending to my Parliamentary duties at Ottawa, added to which is about a month buisly engaged in "preparing to leave," and another month or so after my return "settling down" and giving an account of my stewardship, precludes the possibility of my doing in *half* the year the same amount of that most pleasant and pleasureable duty for which my predecessors in office have had the advantage and freedom of the *entire* year; previous to leaving for the East, however, I ascertained by letter that it would be more convenient and advantageous to "Mount Hermon" and "Union" Lodges to defer my visit until the summer months, and now I find it impossible, in justice to self and connections, to perform this duty, in person, previous to the Annual Session of Grand Lodge, consequently I

have authorized certain Brethren of high rank in the Craft to act as my Deputies, and whose reports I trust will be forthcoming and satisfactory (vide "Commissions issued" and "Reports to Grand Lodge").

On the 13th July, 1883, I visited Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers (vide Reception to Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, 33°) and presided over the Convention of Masons, in the City of Victoria, assembled to do honor to the visit of Ill. Brother General Albert Pike and the several Brethren of eminence and ability who accompanied him, on which occasion that Venerable Brother delivered an extemporary and most instructive lecture on "Symbolism" which lasted some two hours, after which the Brethren of Victoria-Columbia and Vancouver-Quadra Lodges regaled the assembled multitude in that hospitable manner for which those lodges are deservedly proverbial—all dispersed at midnight much pleased. Our V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary found the records regularly and carefully kept—the finances in a very healthy condition, the arrears of dues comparatively small, and the Brethren generally in a happy and contented frame of mind with one another.

On the 8th September I caused notices to be issued to G.·. L.·. Officers to attend me on Wednesday, the 19th September, for the purpose of visiting Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, but between those dates I was confined to my bed by sickness, and was reluctantly compelled to postpone my visit to that lodge until 17th October, when I was accompanied by Bros. Brown, Trounce, Dalby, Beaven, Smith, Heisterman, Milne and Millar. Bros. Ross, Neufelder, Harris and Trickey being present but attending in their respective offices in said lodge; Bros. Chambers and Hookway performing good service at the organ—the latter Brother having recently arrived amongst us has been appointed to the position of Organist to both the city lodges. On this occasion Bro. Dixi H. Ross very creditably exemplified the work in the 1st Degree by initiating Bro. Robinson into our mysteries and privileges, in which he was ably assisted by the Junior Warden; my duty compels me to state, however, that the W.·.M.·. had not that adequate "chapter and verse" from the Senior Warden which he had a right to expect and which adds so materially to the first impressions of the novitiate in such cases. The absence of "Grand Honors" on entry into this lodge were more than compensated for by the hearty good fellowship existing between the members of this lodge and Grand Lodge, and their kindly courteous attentions to their "visitors at refreshment." The Grand Secretary reports the Records of this lodge to be regularly kept, and exceptionally systematic—the finances in a fairly prosperous condition but capable of tangible addition to the Treasurer's department if "arrears

of dues" were reduced. I may here state that I regarded this occasion as a favorable opportunity for obligating, investing and installing V.·.W.·. Bro. A. R. Milne as Grand Secretary, which I did in the presence of the Brethren of his lodge, he having been prevented from going with us to New Westminster (where he was elected) on account of his official duties.

On Friday, 23rd November, in keeping with an arrangement made a fortnight previously, I proceeded to Nanaimo, accompanied by Bros. Neufelder, Millar, (both of whom very nearly missed their passages on the "W. G. Hunt") Milne, Manson, Barnett, Oppenheimer, Haslam, Rudlin and Trickey, and on arrival were joined by the other members of Grand Lodge—Bros. Trounce and Beaven I regret to say being prevented by sickness from accompanying us. Under the guidance of the quick eye and ready hand of Captain and Bro. George Rudlin we reached Nanaimo at 3.15 and put in the time very pleasantly until 8 P. M., when, accompanied by the Brethren hereinbefore mentioned (14 in all) visited "Ashlar Lodge, No. 3," where, as heretofore, we were received in true Masonic style—the lodge being well filled by members and visitors. Amongst the former one readily noticed the well-known faces of Past Masters Stewart, Bate and Frame, and among the latter those of Brothers Captain Butler, of "Empire" and Captain Jordan of "Belvedere". The books and accounts are well kept, and with the exception of the minutes of regular meeting of 8th September not being signed everything was in order and its financial condition fairly prosperous. Having addressed the Brethren at some length, Bro. Alex. Meyer, one of the oldest Masons in the Province, was announced and received with all honors as the Grand Representative of the State of Kansas and took a seat on the dais. An interchange of ideas ensued upon several matters of interest to the Craft in general and Ashlar Lodge in particular. A very pleasant hour was spent by musical brethren around the organ under the accomplished manipulation of Bro. Marcus Wolfe, and a very enjoyable evening brought to a close by a participation in the lavish hospitality of our Nanaimo and Wellington brethren, such as is seldom equalled and never excelled.

### CANADIAN AND FOREIGN LODGES.

During my absence in the East although not being able to accept many of the invitations to visit in Montreal, Toronto, Quebec and Hamilton, still, however, I managed to visit four or five of the Lodges in Ottawa, viz., Doric, No. 58, on the Grand Register of Canada; Civil Service, No. 148, G.R.C.; Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231; and trust next year to visit Dalhousie and Chaudiere Lodges as frequently as I have Fidelity and Civil Service, in both of which I received most hospitable

and fraternal receptions on each and every occasion, and in all cases every essential of a Masonic greeting was cheerfully accorded to your Grand Master. In Civil Service Lodge particularly I was, if I may use the term, "more at home," from the fact of meeting so many brethren I had known in years gone by, and among them two old messmates of mine in H. M. Flagship "Duncan" some 16 years ago, viz., Bro. Colin Campbell and Allan McNeill, who were the mover and seconder of the following resolution of their Lodge, dated 11th Sept., 1883:

"This Lodge has received with much satisfaction the pleasing intelligence communicated by R.·.W.·. Bro. A. J. Cambie, of the elevation of Most Worshipful Bro. Edgar Crow Baker to the high office of Grand Master of Masons of British Columbia.

"M.·.W.·. Bro. Baker having paid us several visits (being the only one of our brethren in the Houses of Parliament who, during the last session, accorded us that honor) has evinced the kindest interest in our welfare, as well as zeal for the good of the Ancient Craft in general, which we feel sure will prosper under his rule in our sister Province, distant yet near in nationality and Masonry. Carried unanimously.

"Signed, LeF. ANSTRUTHER MAINGY,
[Seal.] "Sec'y (pro. tem.) No. 148.
"Signed, ROBERT CASSELS,
"Worshipful Master."

I mention the foregoing not for the purpose of giving undue prominence to my own endeavours in the cause of Masonry, but as an act of simple justice to our brethren of that Lodge, who have so kindly and warmly shown their appreciation of the visits of your representative in the person of myself, and to elicit your approbation of that appreciation by our Eastern brethren by some reciprocal expression; 7,000 miles we are from England and 4,000 from Ottawa, and these pleasing episodes prove how very small the world is after all, and that the boast of our institution is fully exemplified, viz., "that a Mason, lofty or humble in position, rich or poor in purse, *if f and worthy*, may find in every clime a brother and in every land a home." In Ottawa there are seven Lodges besides Carlton R. A. Chapter. All meet at Masonic Hall, Sussex street, so that in a city of 25,000 inhabitants there are at least eight assemblages of Masons in every month, and I can assure you that it is indeed pleasant to be able sometimes to adjourn from the responsibility of legislation, the din and turmoil of political strife, and the monotony of sessional labor, to the more invigorating refreshment of Masonic intercourse. In concluding this section of my address I can offer only one excuse for not visiting our brethren in San Francisco, Omaha, Ogden, Chicago, and other cities in the United States, and that is, that travelling on time, as I always have to, I am never 24 hours in any city, and consequently an oppor-

tunity does not present itself of doing what would otherwise be the source of much pleasure to me. I hope, however, that the day is not far distant when I may make these journeys more at leisure.

### INSTALLATIONS.

In this regard I have departed somewhat from the custom of my predecessors, for the following reasons: 1st. Because I hold it to be the inherent right and special prerogative of a retiring Master of a Subordinate Lodge to instal his successor, and of the Master elect to instal his officers. This I know to be the practice in England and in Canada. 2d. Because it would be absolutely impossible for a Grand Master to instal the Master and officers of all the Lodges, few as these are, and therefore advisable to avoid invidious distinctions by not conceding to one that which cannot be accorded to another. 3d. Because the only two occasions upon which I might have been called upon to officiate came so closely together and at a time when I was so busily engaged "putting my house in order" previous to leaving for the East on the 7th of January, that every moment was occupied in duties which necessitated my constant care and attention, thus preventing me from being present on said occasions, viz., Vancouver and Quadra, No. 2, on the 27th December, 1883, by V.·.W.·. Bro. A. R. Milne, the retiring Master, and Victoria-Columbia, No. 1, on the 3d January, 1884, by Bro. Jas. Millar, the retiring Master, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. Henry Brown, Past Grand Master. The only occasion, therefore, on which such pleasurable ceremony was performed by myself was that of inducting V.·.W.·. Bro. Alex. R. Milne into the most responsible office of Grand Secretary on the 17th October, 1883, and already referred to under "Visitations."

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have caused the following commissions to be issued, viz.: To R.·.W.·. Bro. John Creasor, of Owen Sound, as the Grand Representative of this G.·.L.·. near that of the M.·.W.·.G.·.L.·. of Canada, in the vacancy caused by the resignation of R.·.W.·.Bro. F. R. Despard, he having removed to Cape Colony, and where I wish him every success in his new field of labor. Also to R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. George Scott, of the City of Winnipeg, as our representative near the M.·. W.·.G.·.L.·. of Manitoba, in the place of Bro. Herbert Du Pre Le Cappellain, the former Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, who was suspended by edict of the Grand Master, 5th November, 1883, for unmasonic conduct (as described at page 17 of the 9th Report of said Grand Lodge), and expelled by G.·.L.·. on 14th February, 1884. Were it not for the necessitous circumstances in which he has left his wife and children, we might have said "to err is human but to forgive

divine." It may be interesting to our brethren in that jurisdiction to know that their representative (R.·.W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr.,) near us has been promoted to a County Court Judgeship at Barkerville, Cariboo, B. C. I have also recommended that R.·.W.·. Bro. W. R. Clarke be re-appointed grand representative of the State of Iowa near this Grand Lodge, in the hope that he will be thus induced to give us more tangible and visible proofs of his zeal for Masonry by his "beaming" presence amongst us. This became necessary on the three years' appointment system prevalent in some States, and which I think is a step in the right direction, as frequently it is ascertained that the apparent zeal of a brother at any particular time is not substantiated by practical results, as time alone can reveal, and thus an opportunity is given to replace "defective material". Commissions have been received as follows: 9th July, 1883. for Bro. E. C. Neufelder, and January 18th, 1884, for Bro. J. C. Hughes, as grand representatives respectively of the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Vermont.

DISPENSATIONS

Have been granted as follow: 18th Nov., 1883, to Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2. to bury with masonic honors our V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Hall Smith, Grand Chaplain, and a member of said lodge; 18th Nov., 1883, to same lodge to confer degrees on Robert Williams, master mariner, in shorter time in point of residence, than allowed by Constitution; 17th Jan., 1884, to Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, for same purpose and under same circumstances, *re* William Neill Shaw, master mariner, for both of which I solicit your endorsation; 27th Dec., 1883, to both Lodges in the city of Victoria to wear masonic regalia on the occasion of their Re-union in celebration of St. John the Evangelist's day; 19th Dec., 1883, to Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, in the city of Nanaimo, to wear masonic regalia at a ball and re-union on the evening of St. John's day, after installation of officers; 18th Jan., 1884, to Union Lodge, No. 9, in the city of New Westminster, by telegram, to bury Bro. Frickleton, a member of an Eastern Lodge, and at time of death in good standing; 2d May, 1884, to Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, in the city of Nanaimo, to bury with masonic honors Bro. Neil McLean, a Master Mason of said Lodge, in good standing; 13th July, 1883, to both Lodges in the city of Victoria to appear in regalia to welcome Bro. Albert Pike; 28th July, 1883, to both Lodges in the city of Victoria, upon the occasion of Grand Lodge laying the foundation stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home in said city, and by request of the Trustees of that institution.

DEPUTIES APPOINTED.

During my absence from the Province (7th Jan'y to 1st May) the charge of the jurisdistion by Constitution devolved upon R.·.W.·. Bro.

Thomas Trounce, Deputy Grand Master, and to whom I sent notice of my intended absence. I have appointed R.·.W.·. Bro. Jonathan Nutt and W.·. Bro. H. McDermott to visit on my behalf Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, in the town of Barkerville; also R.·.W.·. Bros. Robert B. Kelly and J. C. Hughes to visit Union Lodge, No. 9, in the city of New Westminster; and W.·. Bro. William Howay to visit Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, in the town of Moodyville, Burrard Inlet. The former of these three lodges is beyond all question unreasonable to expect a Grand Master to visit until such time as railway and steamboat facilities expedite the movements of the individual; the two latter might and would have been visited but for the reasons previously given. However, I have reasonable hope of good reports from Deputies.

### MASONIC CHARITIES.

I believe there have been only two calls made upon the Fund of Benevolence, both from Vancouver-Quadra Lodge. These have been cheerfully and readily met, and in keeping with resolution of Grand Lodge the names of the recipients are not disclosed, but the applications are duly numbered and filed. But the dispensations of the Fund of Benevolence do not embrace all the financial charities dispensed by the brethren of this jurisdiction during the past twelve months. There are a "silent few" who have ever been and still are and ever will be ready to dip low into their own exchequer to relieve the pressing emergencies of some distressed person (not confined to Masons only), and who carry out the tradition that "a Mason's charity knows no bounds save those of prudence." But, brethren, there are many ways of bestowing charity and many and varied kinds of charity in our power to bestow—it does not consist simply in almsgiving. We can be just as charitable in being generally benevolent, well-meaning, kind and obliging, accommodating and kind-hearted, spleenless and sympathizing, gracious and feeling to those who may be socially our inferiors; ever ready to enter into the feelings of others and, so to speak, dispense a little of the "milk of human kindness," always remembering St. Paul's words to the Corinthians, "though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not *charity*, I become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." Such is the sentiment that constitutes the cementing bond of Freemasonry. It is the chief corner-stone of our temple, and upon it is erected the superstructure of all other virtues—which make the good man and true mason, slow to anger and easy to forgive.

### ALTERATIONS TO LODGE BY-LAWS.

On the 12th May, 1884, I sanctioned the following alteration to the By-laws of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo: Clause VII. to read "That the monthly dues from each and every member within or

without the province shall be fifty cents per month." I am a little surprised that the By-laws from Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, as originally forwarded to me some two years ago for material amendments during my term as Grand Secretary, have not again been transmitted for approval as then suggested. The members of that lodge have, I presume, some very good reason for leaving them unchanged.

### APPEALS.

I am delighted to say there have been no cases of appeal from a Subordinate Lodge, at least none that ripened into such a shape as to be permanently placed in my hands to adjudicate upon. One from Vancouver-Quadra Lodge bid fair to assume an unpleasant phase at one time, and I am much pleased to state that I was instrumental in getting the matter amicably adjusted and the submission withdrawn without being compelled to give a decision. There was also one other in Victoria-Columbia Lodge, which was adjusted by trial in lodge and has not been appealed from. Of this I had no real cognizance as the matter was informally brought to my notice, and under clause 8, page 74. I referred the brethren to the V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary. With these exceptions harmony has been undisturbed.

### DECISIONS.

1°. On two occasions the question has been raised in regard to demitted and non-affiliated Masons; one where a brother was desirous of attending the re-union, (2°) and another in which the brother claimed a right to participate in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone elsewhere referred to. In each of these cases objections were raised to their presence by members of the Craft. In each of these cases I ruled in keeping with clause 2 under the heading of "Visitors," page 93, viz: that "no brother residing in the Province, demitted or unaffiliated, can take part in *any* Masonic ceremony, public or private." It was also urged that he could visit a lodge *once* during his secession from the Craft; to which I replied "that visits to lodges mean their ordinary meetings." The porch-book, however, showed that they had visited a lodge previously during their secession, and consequently were doubly ruled out.

3°. The following were handed to me by my predecessor as emanating from Vancouver-Quadra Lodge:

1st. Does the clause "except in cases of Royal Naval and Military men," literally or by implication mean to embrace persons engaged in the Merchant Marine service, or any service except that directly under the Royal Naval authorities? *Ans.* Literally the expression "Royal Naval men" means officers and men of the Royal Navy of Great Britain; but in its usual acceptance it applies only to officers. What was intended by those who drafted said clause of Constitution

I cannot pretend to say, though I do sincerely conceive it to be unfair to extend said privileges to *men* of the Navy and withhold them from *Officers* of the Merchant Navy, who labor under precisely the same disadvantages as to fixity of residence as officers of the Royal Navy. Our Lodges have been in the habit of conferring the degrees upon men of the Navy, and I have, therefore, in all cases when applied for, granted dispensation to lodges to confer them upon Masters and Mates of the Merchant Navy as a matter of simple justice, although I am compelled, from the apparent rigidity of the clause, to answer the latter portion of the query to the effect "that it embraces only the Royal Navy."

2nd. Does the Royal Navy only apply to persons serving in Her Majesty's service, or does it apply to persons serving in the Navy of any Foreign State, or to persons belonging to other nations and serving in the Navy or Merchant Marine? Does it apply, say to a person serving on board a Canadian lightship, whose term and pay is from month to month? *Ans.* The first of these interrogatories is fully answered in response to last question; and in reply to the second, say most emphatically, No! irrespective of term and pay; as persons serving on board such very frequently are not sailors at all, and could not possibly be construed to be a constituent part of Canada's Navy even if she had one.

3rd. Under the same clause requiring residence for one year, can he be claimed as under the jurisdiction if he has not so resided continuously for one year? say he has been two years in this Province, of that time he has resided six months in Victoria, eight months in Nanaimo, nine months in New Westminster, and one month in Burrard Inlet which of these lodges can claim jurisdiction? he having resided last at Burrard Inlet and seeks admission by initiation at that place? *Ans.* Neither according to said clause, and yet either by proper procedure; safest way under such circumstances is to write to lodges at each of places named for certificate of character and ascertain if they have any objection, if only as a matter of courtesy, and in addition throw the onus on the broad shoulders of the Grand Master, stating circumstances, and ask for dispensation.

4th. Not having resided the required time, it is not compulsory on him by this clause to produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his nearest residence? *Ans.* This is mainly answered in preceding question which points out the best course the lodge should pursue under such circumstances, as nothing can be incumbent upon the individual who, being a profane knows nothing regarding our jurisprudence.

5th. Is there any section or clause in the Constitution of British Columbia whereby Vacnouver Lodge, No. 2, would be fully justified

in conferring the degrees of Masonry on a merchant seaman who has only resided in the jurisdiction one month or less, and not having any certificate of character from the lodge nearest his previous residence? *Ans.* With the exception of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England wherein some rights as to regalia are reserved to the lodges of Antiquity, No. 2, British, No. 8, and Prince of Wales, No. 259, I know of no clause in any Constitution which gives specific powers to any particular lodge, so that generally I may safely reply in the negative; until such time as the ambiguity of clause 2, page 90, "proposing members" shall have been removed refrain from any such actions without taking, first of all, the precautionary steps already expatiated upon, and asking for a dispensation; such a course will at all times be safe until Grand Lodge adopts Constitution as now being revised.

4°. Has the M.·.W.·. Grand Master the power to grant a dispensation for Masons to appear in Masonic regalia, outside of a lodge of such, to mingle with profanes and suspended Masons? *Ans.* The Grand Master certainly has the power, and it is only for purposes outside of a lodge that it is necessary to ask him; such dispensations, however, are issued to a lodge the Master of which is responsible for everything done at the ceremony for which the dispensation is granted; suspended or affiliated Masons are barred by the Constitution (Sec. 2, pp. 93) from attendance thereat, but profanes are usually invited guests, and at balls are commonly seen mingling with the Brethren, holding Masonic intercourse is a vastly different thing.

5°. If so, can a dispensation granted for a body of Masons to appear in regalia at a ball allow profanes and suspended Masons also to appear in Masonic regalia and fraternize with members of the Craft? *Ans.* A dispensation as previously stated is issued to a lodge for these purposes, the Master of which is bound to see that the honor and dignity of the Craft is upheld and due decorum observed; it most assuredly does not grant a license to suspended Masons to appear in regalia for the simple reason that they are prohibited by the Constitution from being there in the character of Masons; and certainly no power can grant permission to a profane to wear that to which he is not entitled; if either of these takes place the Master lays himself open to the preferment of Masonic charges.

6°. At a so-called Masonic ball with Masons in regalia, can profanes wear badges belonging to other societies? *Ans.* The expression "so-called" causes me to halt in answering the question—it is either a Masonic ball or it is not! if the latter, Masons have no business there in regalia—if the former, profanes should not wear badges of

other societies except Naval and Military men in uniform with legitimate decorations.

7°. What authority has the W.·. M.·. and his officers in a ballroom over profanes and suspended Masons in regalia belonging to the Craft? *Ans.* The W.·.M.·. has full power and authority over everybody present unless the Grand Master or his Deputy or some Officer of Grand Lodge duly appointed for the purpose be present, in either case it is the imperative duty of the presiding officer to cause the profane to divest himself of such regalia, and to see that suspended Masons retire from such ceremony.

### VISIT OF ILL. BRO. ALBERT PIKE, 33°.

The Brethren will doubtless remember that the following resolution was passed at our last Communication: "That should Illustrious Bro. Albert Pike visit this Province a fraternal welcome be extended to him, and that the M.·.W.·. Grand Master be requested to intimate the same to him by letter; and further that the M.·.W.·. Grand Master be authorized to incur any expense that may be required, subject to his own and the discretion of the Board of General Purposes." On the 12th July, 1883, Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, 33°, Venerable Grand Commander of Supreme Council A. A. S. R. of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and Past Grand Warden of the G.·.L.·. of Louisiana, (?) arrived by the steamer from Puget Sound, accompanied by the following Eminent Brethren: Bro. James R. Hayden, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·. and Past Grand Master of the Territory of Washington; Bro. J. W. Pratt, 33°, Hon. Inspector General, A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·. and Past Grand Master of the State of Oregon; Bro. Thos. M. Reed, 33°, A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·., a Past Grand Master of Washington Territory and present Grand Secretary: Bro. Jos. A. Kuhn, 32°, A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·., Past Grand Master of Washington Territory, also Bros. Christopher Taylor, Andrew Roberts, and H. L. Hoyt, all 32° of the A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·., all of whom were met and welcomed at the wharf by myself accompanied by P.·.G.·.M.·. Eli Harrison, P.·. G.·. M.·. Henry Brown, D.·. G.·. M.·. Thomas Trounce, J.·.G.·.W.·. Robert Beaven, P.·.J.·.G.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Jr., Bro. Waitt, Grand Treasurer, Bro. Milne, Grand Secretary, Bro. Heisterman, Past Grand Secretary, Bro. Millar, Grand Senior Deacon, Bro. Elder, Grand Pursuivant, Bro. Teague, P.·.Grand Deacon, Bro. Shotbolt, Past Prov'l Grand Secretary, and Bros. I. Oppenheimer, and G. T. Brown. Our illustrious visitors were then escorted in carriages to their temporary home where a Committee of the Board of General Purposes had made every provision for their external and internal comfort—in the afternoon they were driven round the city and suburbs and enjoyed the unequalled climate and scenery of our

Island. I conferred with the W.·.M.·.'s of Victoria-Columbia and Vancouver-Quadra Lodges, and caused said lodges to be summoned for the following evening to meet at Masonic Temple—upon which occasion, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, I visited said lodges therein assembled, and received our Venerable and Illustrious Brethren, to whom had been previously sent written invitations ; Bro. Albert Pike then delivered one of the most interesting and instructive lectures on the "Symbolism of our Order," that it has ever been the good fortune of the Masons of this Province to be the recipients of ; the usual call to "refreshment" was numerously responded to, and our estimable friends and brethren departed from our shores with, I trust, as favorable an impression of us as we certainly entertain of them—our only regret being the shortness of their sojourn amongst us.

FOUNDATION STONE OF P. O. HOME.

Next to the pleasure of presiding over a meeting such as that briefly and imperfectly described in preceding paragraphs, and among the events of our Masonic year now fast drawing to a close, I may mention that of laying the foundation stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home in the City of Victoria which took place on Saturday, the 28th July, upon written request from the President and Committee of that institution—particulars of this interesting ceremony will be found duly recorded in the minutes of the Emergency Meeting of Grand Lodge convened for the purpose, and therefore any lengthy comments from me would be not only superfluous but too great a test of your patience after listening to an already unusually long address. I shall content myself by observing that I was ably assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, and to whom I return my grateful acknowledgments for the ready and hearty support accorded to me by them, and for the cheerful manner in which one and all seemed to enter into the ceremonies and to which the harmony prevailing and success attending the task are mainly attributable. Equally am I indebted to the Mayor and Council for their hearty co-operation, and prompt reply to our invitation to them to join us in procession ; this being the first instance, to my knowledge, on the part of the Civic Authorities being fully represented on such an occasion ; lastly a word or two by way of gratitude to Bro. A. A. Green, President of the Orphans' Home—not so much for the " handsome silver trowel " presented on the day in question by him as President to me as Grand Master, and which I shall ever treasure as a memento of one of the most pleasing events in my Masonic career—as to his urbanity of manner, and kindly disposition all through in making the ceremony a success, in which he received very hearty assistance from the gentlemen composing the P. O. Committee, and from R.·. W.·. Bro.

Chambers with his volunteer choir adding greatly to its solemnity and impressiveness.

### LODGE FORMED AT CALGARRY.

Under date 25th November, 1883, a communication was received from Bro. U. J. Lindsay, of Calgarry, N. W. T., asking for all necessary information as to the formation of a Lodge in that part of the Dominion, Form of Petition for a Charter, Copy of Constitution, and Proceedings of our last communication of G.·.L.·. as also copy of By-Laws of one of our Lodges was sent them so that at one time it seemed as though another star had appeared on our Masonic horizon. I since learn, however, that owing to the greater proximity with which they are brought by railway to Winnipeg (distance 841 miles) they have chosen to swear allegiance to the G.·.L.·. of Manitoba—there is some doubt even now as to whether Calgarry is in Alberta Territory or British Columbia owing to the indefinite character of our boundary line, though generally thought to be the water shed of the Rockies—if in Alberta (which I think it is) and the North-West Territories being "unclaimed Masonic territory," then Manitoba has as much right to take them under her wing as we have, and being more "get-at-able" than we are they cannot be blamed for the preference given.

### MASONIC RE-UNION.

The annual Re-Union of Masons in Victoria was celebrated under the auspices of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge (Dixi H. Ross presiding) on St. John's Day, 27th December, and to which I had the pleasure of being invited as guest of the evening—this is the fourth annual gathering of this description, and each year they seem to be more popular, judging from the very greatly increased attendance thereat; I was called upon to make a short address to the assembled multitude, after which a vocal and instrumental entertainment (not so good as on previous occasions) for an hour and a-half, refreshments *ad lib* all the evening, and brought to a close with the always highly appreciated exhibition of the "light fantastic." The Committee of Management consisted of Bros. C. M. Chambers, Eli Harrison, Jr., I. Oppenheimer, D. H. Ross, Jno. Teague, Robt. Elder, James Gray, and Jas. Millar: popular prices of admission:—Gents, $1.50, Ladies, 1.00, Children, 50 cents. Greatly as these assemblages are swelled by profanes I think in future it will be a matter of very grave consideration as to whether it is not desirable to confine these gatherings exclusively to members of the Craft, their wives, daughters and sweet-hearts.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A communication was received from a member of Grand Lodge at a late hour enclosing proposed amendments to Constitution—I was

reluctantly compelled to instruct the Grand Secretary to reply to the effect "that the Constitution requires six weeks notice of such, and that therefore thirty days was insufficient"; said reply was qualified, however, by an assurance that the labors of the B.·.G.·.P.·. in revising the Constitution would doubtless make ample provision for the proffered amendments.

A communication from the G.·.L.·. of Massachusetts in December last, giving excerpts from their Constitution as amended 14th June, 1882, and 13th June, 1883, setting forth "what degrees in Masonry they recognize," and "what organizations they admit to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies," are useful and instructive to us as guides, although in this jurisdiction we recognize only the three degrees of "pure and antient masonry," though we acknowledge the R. A. Chapter and A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·. to be "regular and duly constituted bodies; still not being under the control of the Grand Lodge, they are not strictly speaking recognized and acknowledged until the Constitution is amended embracing them or either of them as the Grand Lodge may determine.

Another communication dated 31st July, 1883, from the G.·.L.·. of Oregon, giving a very minute description of an imposter named H. L. Thomas has been received. To be "forewarned is to be forearmed," and therefore I think the method employed of communicating the details concerning these "wolves in sheep's clothing" is wholesome and beneficial, but the language in which the description and request are couched, although not unparliamentary perhaps, certainly is more forcible than polite to be masonic. Vide circular appended:

*Office of Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon*

SALEM, OREGON, July 31, 1883.

DEAR BROTHER,—This office is in possession of information that one H. L. Thomas, who was expelled by La Grande Lodge, No. 41, some twelve years ago, is now traveling through the eastern states preying upon the fraternity. The last heard of him he was in Iowa, working eastward, giving the name of S. S. Curtis, and claiming that he was a P.·.M.·. of La Grande Lodge, No. 41, of Oregon, and that J. L. Curtis, Secretary of that Lodge, was his son. He has also claimed to be A.H. Brown, and J. M. Boyd, P.·.Ms.·. of Baker Lodge, No. 47, of Oregon; also A. B. Elmer, of same Lodge.

He usually represents that he has lost his money in some way, and requests a loan until he can get home. Says he is well fixed—has a stock ranch and boarding house near Baker City. He takes the T. O. without hesitation, and passes a perfect examination.

He is about fifty-five years of age; five feet eight inches high; weighs about one hundred and fifty pounds; sharp face; nose and chin prominent; hair and beard mixed with gray; wears side whiskers and moustache; forehead slightly receding; eyes small and sharp; ears

long, with gray hairs growing in lower part. Speaks rapidly, and when questioned, answers quickly. When speaking rapidly has an impediment of speech, caused by loss of teeth. Chews tobacco to excess, and drinks and gambles. He is ruptured and wears a truss. He has been heard from in the following places: Sutter Creek and Oakland, California; Leadville, Colorado, where he was arrested on telegram from this office, but managed to compromise the matter and get clear on the payment of $100. Has bilked Lodges and Masons in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and Canada.

Should he come your way please take him by a strong grip, and if you cannot imprison him for obtaining money under false pretenses, at least give him the size of your boot, and greatly oblige the Masons of Oregon.

Fraternally yours,

[Seal.] F. J. BABCOCK,
Grand Secretary.

"When speaking rapidly has an impediment of speech caused by loss of teeth," reminds me of a ludicrous incident of our own knowledge: A brother when taken to task for giving utterance to statements which he was not in a position to substantiate by fact, said, "how can a fellow help prevaricating when he has had the misfortune to lose his teeth?" We thank the Masons of Oregon for their fraternal warning, and will endeavor to meet their views. Bro. Bab-*cock*, while I live I'll (be) *Crow*

SISTER GRAND LODGES.—Our relations with all other Grand bodies remain in the same state of harmony and undisturbed tranquility which has characterized our Grand Lodge from its inception. At the present time we are represented in no less than forty-four Grand Lodges in different parts of the world, and doubtless it is only owing to some unintentional oversight or miscarriage in mail transmission that we are not represented in all legally constituted Grand bodies. I trust that our masonic interchanges will prove as satisfactory to them as their communications are instructive and sources of strength to us. We always hail with delight the advent of their neatly bound volumes teeming as they do with information and wisdom and a conspicuous amount of masonic charity in glossing over the too apparent lack of general information embodied in the pamphlets we send them.

RECOGNITIONS.—With one exception we have not been called upon to recognize any newly inaugurated body. Communications will be laid before you this session with regard to the formation of a Grand Lodge in Victoria, Australia. Following closely upon the footsteps of their brethren in the colony of New South Wales, which is now fairly established and prosperous, our brethren in Melbourne are now desirous of establishing their claim to that supreme masonic jurisdiction over Masons within their territory that we ourselves 13 years ago laid claim to and successfully established. I am in receipt of the *Victoria Freemason* from September, 1883, to April, 1884, and judg-

ing from the soundness of their arguments we should be swift to grant their appeal.

G.·. L.·. OF PENNSYLVANIA.—I am in receipt of a circular letter dated 27th March, 1884, from M.·.W.·. Bro. Conrad B. Day, Grand Master of that jurisdiction, forwarding me, with assurances of his most fraternal regard, a photographic copy of the original book of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Philadelphia, Pa., containing accounts with its members from 24th June, 1731, to 24th June, 1738, as evidence of the first Masonic Lodge organized in America under its colonial existence, which was discovered 27th Feb., 1884, in the archives of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, by R.·.W.·. Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, Junior Grand Warden of that Grand Lodge. Our thanks are therefore due to those eminent and zealous brethren for bringing to light and reproducing such an interesting antiquity.

CONDITION OF OUR OWN LODGES.—The three older Lodges of this jurisdiction I have already commented upon elsewhere, and as concerning them need only now add that they are healthy and prosperous financially and numerically, but capable of some little improvement in other essentials. It is a painfully noteworthy fact that up to the present moment (now within five days of Grand Lodge session) many of the returns from Subordinate Lodges have not been received by the V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary. Such apathy and indifference on the part of some Secretaries of lodges is unpardonable, as it not only retards the compilation of the Grand Secretary's report and rushes an amount of work all at once upon that zealous and overworked (though underpaid) officer, but precludes the only possibility, of an opportunity I should have otherwise, of efficiently reviewing those returns and making a conscientiously reliable report to G.·.L.·. I am therefore compelled, with reluctance, to ask the influence of my brethren in Grand Lodge with a view to adopting remedial measures in that regard.

I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST that the brethren generally should endeavor to furnish themselves with the proper uniform regalia appertaining to Subordinate Lodges. I even go so far as to say that even those lodges having the privilege under "regalia page 97" of Constitution of continuing the adoption and use of their original jewels "and regalia as long as they so desire" will agree with me that the time has arrived when that regalia has become "worn and shabby with time," and that substitution is necessary—let us then adopt the true Masonic regalia as worn in England, Canada and most of the United States (if not all)—nothing is neater, prettier, less costly and more traditionally Masonic than the sky-blue and white—one indicative of the whole canopy of heaven, and the other the acknowledged

emblem of purity—order being heavens first law, let us be uniformly in order.

ANOTHER WORD AS REGARDS CLOTHING.—Can we not one and all, rich or poor, come in suitable attire when we attend lodge ? if we have not black or dark blue let us put on the darkest we have, with white ties and white gloves they cost very little ! the denial of some trifling luxury will give us these, and I am sure the satisfaction (when we turn out on public occasions) with which we shall be regarded by the ever vigilant eye of the "outsider" will more than repay us for such an insignificant expenditure—" profanes " will then have no pretext (judging from the exterior as the uninitiated necessarily must) for saying that our outward forms and ceremonies are an amusing burlesque " all same Chinese Highbinders " as was remarked to me by several not long ago.

### DEATH OF H. R. H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

One of the most painful and conspicuous events of the year just expired, that it is my dutiful yet sorrowful task to recur to, is the death of our distinguished Brother, H. R. H. Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Albany, and the youngest son of our most gracious Queen, who, on the 28th March last left this terrestrial sphere to join those in the Grand Lodge above. Our brother was born on the 7th April, 1853, and having always experienced delicate health from his birth very seldom took any part in active life, and was not often seen in public, except in company with the Queen. Upon very good authority we are informed that the untimely death of our Bro. (which occurred at Cannes in France) although mainly traceable to a chill and the fall he received, was painfully attributable to his constitutional disease of " hæmophilia " or predisposition for bleeding which may have been congenital or hereditary—he married 27th April, 1882, Princess Helen, of Waldeck, Pyrmont, (which event had to be postponed from a previous date on account of his precarious health), and leaves behind him, I believe, one child ; he was elected Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, England, in 1875, and Junior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1877, like his brother, H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, he always took a deep interest in the Craft of his ancestors. I feel certain, Brethren, that we as Masons, and members of the most time honored association in the world will not be slow in contributing our mite of sympathy to the many that have preceded us so that the bereaved mother and widow may have the full measure of the sympathy of the entire brotherhood throughout the wide world in this their hour of sorrow and grievous bereavement ; and "add our prayer " to those of the rest of Her Majesty's subjects that " He who tempers

"the wind to the shorn lamb" will look down with compassion upon "the widow and fatherless, in this their hour of desolation, and will "fold the benevolent arms of His love and protection around those "who are thus bereft of their earthly stay.

Not being as able as his more robust brothers to enter into the active pursuits of manhood he devoted himself to the study of the Arts and promotion of Science by assisting with his presence, counsel and precepts, the various benevolent institutions which attracted his attention and to which he rendered eminent service, in the name, and as the representative of his Royal Mother. To many of us who are not well acquainted with his soft and gentle nature, his beautiful character, and useful career, owing to our distance from the scene of his usefulness, it may not be out of place to make a few references concerning what is said at home "of his doings within his sphere" during the brief period of a life of such promise. So long ago as 1874 his name was brought up in the House of Lords, and the Duke of Richmond said:—"Although the Prince had not, on account of his "youth, the advantages of the personal example of his illustrious "father, he had been brought up in a manner in every way to imi-"tate and follow his noble example. The assiduity Prince Leopold "had shown in all the departments of study in which he had been "occupied, gave grounds for believing that he would fit himself for "taking the important position in the country to which his birth en-"titled him."

Again Lord Granville said:—"From some personal acquaintance "with the Illustrious Prince, I am able to say that there are few men "of his years who have cultivated their natural abilities with greater "assiduity and success than Prince Leopold has done."

Now, Brethren, in order to show you how various and versatile were his talents, and how sedulously he applied himself to doing good on every occasion that presented itself, whether to art, science, or morals, or in assisting benevolent institutions, I give the following synopsis of what he has done:—"19th February, 1879, he delivered "an address at the Mansion House on "University Teaching; 25th "February same year he presided and spoke at the Birkbeck Literary "Scientific Institution; 19th May, same year, at Grosvenor House, "be presided and delivered a remarkable address on the "Education "of the Deaf and Dumb; 20th October, same year, he formally open-"ed the fifth College at Sheffield; 14th April, 1880, he laid the foun-"dation stone of the High School at Oxford; 30th June, 1881, he "opened the Nottingham University Building; 12th December, 1881, "he spoke on the "Culture of Music" at the Manchester Athenæum "Soiree, and on the 17th of same month he laid the foundation stone "of the Princess Helena College at Ealing, and from day to day al-

most he was constantly employed in forwarding all such worthy enterprises. The London "Times" referred to his address at the Mansion House in these words:—"The meeting at the Mansion House "has revealed powers of expression in a member of the Royal Family "which rivalled those of a great English orator, on a field peculiarly "his own. The crowd which thronged the Egyptian Hall came to "see a Prince and hear Mr. Gladstone. As it listened to the former "in his turn, it must have felt that it had before it, not merely a "thinker, but a thinker with the gift of thinking aloud. No two better "representatives of the cause of 'University-teaching' could have "been selected than Prince Leopold and Mr. Gladstone." What testimony can be better than that given by the Times? Our distinguished and learned Brother, in speaking about "foreign languages," and their cultivation, said: "Sometimes perhaps, as the proverb "says, we take what is unknown to be magnificent; but oftener I "think we take it to be something unfriendly and distasteful to us. "But we find that with every real increase of understanding of our "fellowmen of different races, some unkindly illusion disappears; "we learn to realize their likeness to ourselves, to sympathize with "their national character, and to co-operate in their efforts after the "common good." Again, when he laid the foundation stone of the University College at Nottingham, our illustrious Brother said: "The happiness of our lives depends much less upon the actual value "of the work we do, than on the spirit in which we do it; if a man "tries to do the simplest and humblest work as well as he possibly "can, it will be interesting to him, and he will be proud of it. But "if he is only thinking of what he can get by his work, then even "the highest work will become a weariness to him." After such expressions of noble sentiment, so successfully expressed, may we not truthfully say that our Order has met with one of the most irreparable losses it could sustain? and that by the early extinguishment of that young life, "a pearl of great price," has disappeared in the unfathomable abyss of Eternity? but, my Brethren, he has left behind him a record well worthy of our imitation, and to whom the words of the Poet Laureate addressed to Our Soverign on the death of his Father may very aptly be applied:—viz.:

"Sweet nature gilded by the gracious gleam,
"Of letters, dear to science, dear to art."

### GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

I think, Brethren, considering that we have been using the regalia, rightly belonging to ourselves 'tis true, (as a matter of property), but designating the Scotch Provincial Grand Lodge, for over 13 years, and that though possibly "old and shabby," is still fairly ser-

viceable, we should, I think, pass a resolution for the adoption of Regalia and Jewels, which we are justly entitled to wear as an independent Grand Lodge; and that inasmuch as the finances of our Supreme Masonic Body will not justify an expenditure necessary to procure the same, that a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed in that connection.

CONCLUSION.

History and News, brethren, necessary as they are to one another, have never pulled together, or been verv fast friends; News belongs to that indefinable Present, which has no real existence, but is only the ever advancing line between all that has been and all that is to be! It is ardent, requisitive, and hopeful; always reaping its harvest, and better able to house its stores than to use them—grasping with one hand what is under its feet, and with the other it points to coming prizes. History lags behind, tries to chose its pace, to select and order its materials, and to dominate over the silent, and unresisting realm of the once mighty Past; between two beings, so unlike in their provinces and instincts, there must be a "borderland," and for a long period it has been the field for desultory and partial enterprise, rather than any serious design to fill the gap between a receding Past and a flying Future; many attempts have been made, and are yet being made, but it yet remains a universal complaint, whether in the Lodge of instruction, or in the more silent hours of retreat, in one's own Study; "that while it is more or less possible to master any former period of the progress of Masonry, there is really nothing to call a history of the period comprised in a man's own life and experience; still, however, there is a rule of life so directly the ordinance of Nature that all authorities are unanimous in its favor; moralists and economists, philosophers and merchants, alike insist on the duty of reviewing the natural periods of time, and settling the balance of losses and gains. As we are placed here to "advance and improve," unless we keep a log of our voyage, and take stock of our goods, we lose at least one important security and stimulus. An annual Budget is expected from the Chancellor of Exchequer, and Her Majesty cannot open Parliament or prorogue it without a short, business-like review of the recess or Session; following these views and precedents, Brethren, I have endeavoured to sum up the losses and gains of our Masonic year, and I leave you as generously disposed and charitable auditors to "strike a balance" out of my crude material which I have feebly submitted. In surrendering the "Gavel of Supreme temporal Masonic authority" in this Province into your hands, I am painfully aware of my own shortcomings to fill so elevated a position among you with that perfect fullness which Brethren of ease and affluence alone can give to it. I

trust, however, that errors committed (and who does not err?) during my term of office, may be considered to be, by you all, "errors of the head and not of the heart;" and that the lack of consummation of all good desires may, in a measure, be partially compensated for by a zealous and earnest effort to be in a position to return you the "emblem of authority" as unsullied as I received it, trusting that the day is not far distant when the uniform and salutary, though silent and unseen influence of our principles, will effectually silence the tongue of calumny, and weaken, if not forever extinguish the unjustifiable rancour, and hatred of our Enemies.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
22nd June, 1884. Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That the address of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes for consideration.

The Annual Address of the R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Trounce, was then read by the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the Board of General Purposes for consideration.

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of B. C., A. F. & A. M.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have to express my sincere regret in not being able to attend the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge at Nanaimo at this our Annual Communication. My wife's illness is of such a nature that it would be impossible for me to leave her more than a few hours during the day.

During the past year considerable time has been devoted by the Board of General Pruposes to revision of the Constitution, and considerable work has been done to simplify several articles thereof, further time, however, is necessary to complete the work for the printer.

I am sure that in view of the elaborate reports to be presented by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, it is unnecessary for me to enlarge on the work done during the past year.

Hoping there may be a good attendance, a happy reunion, and good work in all matters to be considered in the Grand Lodge.

I remain, dear brethren, faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. TROUNCE,
VICTORIA, V. I., June, 1884. Deputy Grand Master.

## ANNUAL REPORT GRAND SECRETARY.

The V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, A. R. Milne, presented the Annual Report of the doings of his office during the year just closed; the same having been read in detail with the appendices, was, on motion, accepted, adopted, and ordered printed with the proceedings.

### THE REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
Victoria, B. C. June 19, 1884.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

In compliance with our constitutional regulations, I have the honor to submit the following Annual Report and exhibits, containing a notice of such matters pertaining to this office, as may be necessary for your information, or as may be of interest to the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge and the fraternity.

In the Grand Secretary's Office during the past year there has been an unusual amount of correspondence and clerical labor, occasioned by a succession of circumstances which seldom occur in one year within this jurisdiction, viz.:

1st. On the 13th July, 1883, the reception and entertainment of Illustrious Albert Pike. 33° and distinguished party.

2nd. On the 28th July, 1883, Special Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Protestant Orphan's Home, in the City of Victoria.

3rd. On the 15th November, 1883, the sudden demise of Brother Robert H. Smith, the V.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain.

4th. The Board of General Purposes, to whom were referred the revision of the Constitution, took up the same, and for some months have given it their constant attention, having up to the close of the year held twenty-three sessions, performing a large amount of labor, completely reviewing the entire Constitution, and making material and important suggestions to the written law of this Grand Lodge.

In presenting this report I am able to give assurances of encouraging indications of some advancement within our borders, as appears from the net increase of membership obtained from the returns of the several lodges, and from the present prospect, with the large and permanent additions to the population of the different parts of the Province, there is every reason to look forward with encouragment.

I have, during the past year, sought information as to the con-

dition of the Craft within our jurisdiction, and I find that the lodges and members are laboring with zeal, and that harmony prevails among the workmen. I observe, however, in some cases the difficulties that retard the progress of lodges arise from a neglect to collect dues promptly from the members, thus producing embarrassment and corresponding discouragment. This is only referred to here with a view to suggest the importance of applying a remedy by the lodges themselves.

In considering the various statistics of this report I would beg leave to remind you that they are, as usual, only made up to the 28th February last, as required by the Constitution.

I regret to have to remark that some of the Lodges, although having more than three months since the 28th February, have only put their returns and reports into the hands of the Grand Secretary a day or two before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, making it impossible to return them for alteration or amendment, and thus preventing the Grand Secretary from making a more comprehensive reference and review of the returns for the year.

The printing account of this office has been necessarily large, the blanks that had been on hand for some years were exhausted and had to be renewed. Of this account the largest item is $75.50, for 100 Diplomas on parchment, as the work could not be done in the Province. I had therefore to send the copper-plate to San Francisco, where we endeavored to have the same done as cheaply as possible, and before acceptance, a copy was received for approval. The sanction of the Printing Committee and Board of General Purposes was obtained to the acceptance and payment of the amount as per agreement through Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.

Appended to this report will be found a list of the proceedings received from other Grand Lodges, also a list of Masonic pamphlets and periodicals, likewise received from time to time.

I have frequently received applications for copies of our proceedings, which I have promptly supplied as far as it was in my power.

The total receipts from 1st March, 1883, to the 28th February, 1884, on account of Grand Lodge are:—

GRAND LODGE RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1 | $101 00 |
| Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2 | 149 50 |
| Ashlar Lodge, No. 3 | 85 75 |
| Cariboo Lodge, No. 4 | 38 75 |
| Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7 | 25 75 |
| Union Lodge, No. 9 | 62 00 |
| Total account Grand Lodge, | $462 75 |

BENEVOLENT FUND.

| | |
|---|---|
| Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1 | $ 88 00 |
| Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2 | 116 50 |
| Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7 | 24 00 |
| Total account Benevolent Fund | $228 50 |

The following is a list of Proceedings, &c., received from the various Grand Bodies, viz.:—

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|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | proceedings | Dec. | 1883 |
| Arizona | " | Nov. | 1883 |
| Arkansas | " | Nov. | 1883 |
| Belgium | " | | 1881 |
| California | " | Oct. | 1883 |
| Canada | " | June | 1883 |
| Colorado | " | Sep't | 1883 |
| Connecticut | " | Jan. | 1884 |
| Dakota | " | June | 1883 |
| Delaware | " | Oct. 1882 and Oct. | 1883 |
| District of Columbia | " | Jan. | 1883 |
| England | " | Quarterly, 1883 and | [illegible] |
| Florida | " | Jan. 1883 and June | [illegible] |
| Georgia | " | Oct. | 1883 |
| Idaho | " | Sep't | 1883 |
| Illinois | " | Oct. | 1883 |
| Indian Territory | " | Nov. | 1883 |
| Iowa | " | July | 1883 |
| Kansas | " | Feb. | 1883 |
| Louisiana | " | Feb. | 1884 |
| Maine | " | May | 1883 |
| Manitoba | " | Feb. 1883 and Feb. | 1884 |
| Maryland | " | May 1883 and Nov. | 1883 |
| Massachusetts | " | Sep't | 1883 |
| Michigan | " | Jan | 1884 |
| Minnesota | " | Jan. | 1883 |
| Mississippi | " | Feb. | 1884 |
| Missouri | " | Oct. | 1883 |
| Montana | " | Sept. | 1883 |
| Nebraska | " | June | 1883 |
| North Carolina | " | Jan. | 1884 |
| New Brunswick | " | April | 1883 |
| New Hampshire | " | May | 1883 |
| Nevada | " | June | 1883 |
| Nova Scotia | " | June | 1883 |

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|---|---|---|
| Oregon | proceedings | June 1883 |
| Pennsylvania | " | Dec. 1883 |
| Peru | " | Jan. 1883 |
| Prince Edwards Island | " | June 1883 and Jan. 1884 |
| Quebec | " | Jan. 1884 |
| Rhode Island | " | May 1883 |
| Scotland | " | Quarterly, 1883 and 1884 |
| South Carolina | " | Dec. 1883 |
| Spain | Constitution | 1883 |
| Tennesee | proceedings | |
| Texas | " | Dec. 1883 |
| Utah | " | Jan. 1884 |
| Vermont | " | June 1883 |
| Virginia | " | Dec. 1883 |
| Washington Territory | " | June 1883 |
| West Virginia | " | Nov. 1883 |
| Wisconsin | " | June 1883 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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|---|---|
| The Freemason, Sydney | May 1884 |
| The Masonic Token, Portland, Maine | May 1884 |
| The Masonic Truth, Boston | May 1884 |
| The Masonic Word, Boston | March 1884 |
| The Corner Stone, New York | May 1884 |
| The Orient, Budapesth | May 1884 |
| The Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, O | May 1884 |
| The Canadian Craftsman | 1884 |
| The Freemason, Toronto | 1884 |
| The Masonic Home Journal | 1883 |
| The Masonic Tablet | 1883 |
| Boletin Official G. L. of Chili | 1883 |
| Boletin Official G. L. of Portugal | 1883 |
| Bulletin Grand Orient of France | April 1884 |
| Rosicrucian | Occassional copies |
| List of Books from the Masonic Book and Furnishing Co | 1884 |
| Report of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Board of Trustees of M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana | May 1883 |

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been issued from my office by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master during the year ending 21st June, 1884, viz.:—

17th Nov., 1883, to Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, to bury with Masonic honors, Robert Hall Smith, (M.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain), and a Master Mason and member of said lodge.

18th Nov., 1883, to Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, to confer degrees on Bro. Robert Williams in less time than required by the Constitution in point of residence.

19th Dec., 1883, to Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, to authorize Brethren to appear in Regalia at a Masonic Reunion on Dec. 27th, 1883, (St. John's Day).

19th Dec., 1883, to Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, to authorize Brethren to appear at a Masonic Reunion on the evening of St. John's Day, the 27th Dec., 1883.

19th Dec., 1883, to Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, to authorize the Brethren to appear in regalia at a Masonic Ball and Reunion on the evening of St. John's Day, the 27th Dec., 1883, upon the occasion of the Installation of Officers.

18th Jan., 1884, to Union Lodge, No. 9, by telegram to bury with Masonic honors, brother J. Frickleton, he being a Master Mason in good standing, but not of said Lodge.

8th May, 1884, to Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, to make valid action of Lodge in burying Bro. Neil McLean, who was accidently killed in the East Wellington Coal Mine on the 30th April, and buried on the 2nd May, with Masonic honors, he being a Mastor Mason of said lodge.

LODGE VISITATIONS.

1. On 13th July, 1883, at an emergency meeting the M. .W.·. Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Officers, visited Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, on the occasion of the reception by the joint City Lodges of Illustrious Albert Pike, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of Southern Jurisdiction, A. A. S. R., and distinguished party, the Venerable Albert Pike delivering an able and instructive lecture on the Symbolism of Masonry.

2. On 19th Sept., 1883, the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Officers, visited Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, at their regular meeting.

3. On 23rd Nov., 1883, the Grand Master, with Grand Officers, visited Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo.

4. On the 2nd June, 1884, Commissions were issued by the order of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to R.·. W.·. Bro. Jonathan Nutt and W.·. Bro. H. McDermott, to visit Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, at Barkerville, and report upon the state of the Craft.

5. On the 2nd June, 1884, Commission issued by order of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to W.·. Bro. William Howay, to visit Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, at Burrard Inlet, and report upon the state of the Craft.

6. On the 2nd June, 1884, Commissions were issued by order of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to R.·. W.·. Bro. R. B. Kelly, and W.·. Bro. Josias C. Hughes, to act in conjunction and visit Union Lodge, No. 9, at New Westminster, and report upon the state of the Craft.

On the 12th July, 1883, by order of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, notices were issued to the members of the Grand Lodge and other prominent Brethren, to accompany the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to the wharf to meet Illustrious Bro. Albert Pike and party.

Invitations were sent to all Lodges in the jurisdiction, to be present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home, on the 28th July, 1883. Also to the Mayor and Council, which invitation was accepted, and were assigned their place in the procession usually given to the Chief Magistrate and Civic Authorities.

INSTALLATIONS.

1. 27th Dec., 1883, Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, by V.·. W.·. A. R. Milne.

2. 3rd Jan., 1884, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, by W.·. J. Millar, S. G. D.

COMMISSIONS.

1. 1st June, 1883. Commission was issued by the Grand Master to R.·. W.·. Bro. John Creasor, of Owen Sound, Ontario, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

2. 1st June, 1883. Commission was issued to V.·. W.·. William George Scott, of Winnipeg, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

3. 3rd Nov., 1883. Re-nominated to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Bro. W. R. Clarke as their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, his former commission having expired.

4. 9th July, 1883. Commission was received from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, appointing W.·. Bro. Edward C. Neufelder as their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge.

5. 13th May, 1884. Commission was received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, appointing W.·. Bro. Josias C. Hughes as their Grand Represntative near this Grand Lodge.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following have been officially reported:

7th April, 1883. Sydney Thomas Franklyn, Vic.-Col., No. 1.
5th June, 1883. Ebenezer Brown, Van.-Quadra, No. 2.
9th June, 1883. Phillip J. Hall, Van.-Quadra, No. 2.
31st March, 1883. P. Manetta, Van.-Quadra, No. 2.
1st March, 1883. Peter Ousterhout, Van.-Quadra, No. 2.
15th Nov., 1883. Rev. R. H. Smith, Van.-Quadra, No. 2.
23rd Dec., 1883. Isaac Brown, Ashlar, No. 3.

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 29TH FEBRUARY, A. L. 5884.

| FOR | NAME AND LOCATION OF LODGE. | | | | | | Total number dealt with. | Rate G. Lodge charges each. | Total Grand Lodge Dues. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Vict.-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, Victoria City. | Van-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, Victoria City. | Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo. | Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, Barkerville. | Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, Moodyville. | Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster. | | | | |
| Initiations | 2 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 3 | 8 | $ 1 00 | $ 8 00 | |
| Passings | 3 | 3 | ..... | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 1 00 | 13 00 | |
| Raisings | 4 | 3 | ..... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 1 00 | 14 00 | |
| Affiliated from without | 1 | 5 | 2 | ..... | 2 | ..... | 10 | 1 00 | 10 00 | |
| " " within | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 50 | 50 | |
| Demitted | 1 | 1 | ..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 | ..... | ..... | |
| Died | 1 | 5 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | |
| Suspended | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | ..... | ..... | |
| Reinstated | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | |
| Rejected | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | 2 | 6 | ..... | ..... | |
| Diplomas granted | 3 | 3 | ..... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 2 00 | 26 00 | |
| Dispensations for Degrees | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 15 00 | 15 00 | |
| " " Burials | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | |
| " " Miscellaneous | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 50 | ..... | |
| Masons on Roll | 68 | 92 | 67 | 15 | 15 | 32 | 301 | 1 25 | 376 25 | |
| Total amount G. L. Dues | $101 | 149 50 | 85 75 | 38 75 | 25 75 | 62 00 | ..... | ..... | $462 75 | |

## SUMMARY.

| NAME AND NO. OF LODGE. | City or Town. | Dues for the year. | Initiations. | Passings. | Raisings. | Diplomas. | Disp. for Degrees. | Disp. for New Elect'n. | Disp. Miscellaneous. | New Charter. | Affiliations. | Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vic.-Col. No. 1... | Victoria... | $ 85 00 | $2 | $3 | $4 | $6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | $ 1 00 | $101 00 |
| Van.-Qua., No. 2 | " ... | $115 00 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 15 | ... | ... | ... | 5 50 | 149 50 |
| Ashlar, No. 3..... | Nanaimo. | 83 75 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 00 | 85 75 |
| Cariboo, No. 4... | Barkerv'e | 33 75 | ... | 2 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | 38 75 |
| Mt. Hermon, 7 | Moodyv'e | 18 75 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 00 | 25 75 |
| Union, No. 9 ..... | N. West'r | 40 00 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | 62 00 |
| | | $376 25 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 26 | 15 | ... | ... | ... | $10 50 | $462 75 |

## RECAPITULATION.

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|---|---|
| Chartered Lodges | 6 |
| Whole number Initiated in all Lodges | 8 |
| " " Passed | 13 |
| " " Raised | 14 |
| " " Affiliated from without the jurisdiction | 10 |
| " " " " within | 1 |
| " " Demitted | 12 |
| " " Died | 7 |
| " " Suspended | 3 |
| " " Reinstated | 1 |
| " " Rejected | 6 |
| " " Diplomas Issued | 13 |
| " " Dispensations for Degrees | 1 |
| " " New Charter | |
| " " Dispensation for New Election | |
| " " " " Burials | 3 |
| " " " " Miscellaneous | |
| Total number of Members on Roll | 301 |
| Increase of membership from last year | 8 |
| Total receipts on account of Grand Lodge, from all sources | $462 75 |

## RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENT FUND FOR YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY, 1884.

### VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 1.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1883. | | | |
| 31st August, | To 66 members | @ $ 50 | $ 33 00 |
| | To 2 Raisings | @ 5 00 | 10 00 |
| | To 1 Affiliation | @ 2 00 | 2 00 |
| 1884. | | | |
| 28th Feb'ry, | To 66 members | @ 50 | 33 00 |
| | To 2 Raisings | @ 5 00 | 10 00 |
| | | | $ 88 00 |

### VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, NO. 2.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1883. | | | |
| 31st August, | To 87 members | @ $ 50 | $ 43 50 |
| | To 1 Raising | @ 5 00 | 5 00 |
| | To 1 Affiliation | @ 2 00 | 2 00 |
| 1884. | | | |
| 28th Feb'ry, | To 92 members | @ 50 | $ 46 00 |
| | To 2 Raisings | @ 5 00 | 10 00 |
| | To 5 Affiliations | @ 2 00 | 10 00 |
| | | | $116 50 |

### MOUNT HERMON LODGE, NO. 7.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1883. | | | |
| 31st August, | To 15 members | @ $ 50 | $ 7 50 |
| 1884. | | | |
| 28th Feb'ry, | To 15 members | @ 50 | 7 50 |
| | To 1 Raising | @ 5 00 | 5 00 |
| | To 2 Affiliations | @ 2 00 | 4 00 |
| | | | $ 24 00 |

### RECAPITULATION.

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|---|---|
| Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, paid to Fund of Benevolence, | $ 88 00 |
| Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, " " " | 116 50 |
| Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, " " " | 24 00 |
| | $228 50 |

### ALTERATION TO BY-LAWS.

12th May, 1883. Communication received from Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, submitting alteration to Article VII of their By-Laws, to read, viz.: That the monthly dues from each and every member, whether within or without the Province, shall be fifty cents per month payable quarterly in advance;" the same was approved by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, and they were advised accordingly.

FUND FOR
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| .....$ | 33 00 |
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CHARITIES.

At a meeting on 27th August, 1883, the Board of General Pruposes authorized the payment from the Fund of Benevolence, the sum of Twenty dollars, upon the application of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, and numbered 1 for 1884.

On the 28th January, 1884, the Board of General Purposes authorized the payment from the Fund of Benevolence, of the sum of Thirty-one dollars and twenty-five cents, upon the application of Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, and nnmbered 2 for 1884.

On the 28th January, the Board of General Purposes authorized the payment of Twenty-five dollars, to be paid from the Funds of Grand Lodge to Charles Hayward, for extra expenses attending the funeral of the late V.·. W.·. Robert H. Smith, Grand Chaplain.

DIPLOMAS ISSUED.

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| No. 184, | Laidlaw, James A | Union, No. 9 |
| 185, | Trapp, Samuel | do. |
| 186, | Duncan, William A | do. |
| 187, | Rae, James D | do. |
| 188, | Harvey, James W | do. |
| 189, | Robinson, Victor Ernest | Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2 |
| 190, | Williams, Robert | do. |
| 191, | Moss, Morris | do. |
| 192, | Little, Joseph | Mount Hermon, No. 7 |
| 193, | Lince, Edmund | Victoria-Columbia, No. 1 |
| 194, | Salmon, Maurice | do. |
| 195, | Levy, Joseph Lewis | do. |
| 196, | McKay, David | Cariboo, No. 4 |

Total Diplomas issued, 13.

AFFILIANTS.

The following named Brethren have joined the lodges opposite their respective names, and been registered on the books of the Grand Lodge.

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| 1. | Esnouf, Richard Benjamin | St. Aubins, 958 | Vic.-Col. No. 1 |
| 2. | Harding, Thomas | Cariboo | Van.-Quadra, No. 2 |
| 3. | Isaac, Jacob | Seattle, St. John's, No. 9, | do. |
| 4. | McIntosh, S. F. | Not given | do. |
| 5. | Ofner, Albert | Port Townsend | do. |
| 6 | McIntosh, W. D | Not given | do. |
| 7. | Gamble, F. C | " | do. |
| 8. | Blacket, Walter Edwin | Tyrian Youth | Ashlar, No. 3 |
| 9. | McLean, Malcolm | Royal Albert | do. |
| 10. | Flett, Thomas Henry | Mississippi | Mt. Hermon, No. 7 |
| 11. | McManus, David | Mt. Washington | do. |

Total affiliated, 11.

## A. R. MILNE, GRAND SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE M.·. W.·. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

| DR. | | CR. | |
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| 1884. | | 1884. | |
| May 10—To Cariboo Lodge, No. 4,.... | $ 38 75 | May 10—By G. Trea.. Recepit No. 1, | $ 38 75 |
| " 17—To Ashlar Lodge, No. 3..... | 85 75 | " 17— " " " " 2, | 85 75 |
| Ju'e 9—Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 7, G.·. L.·. Dues..... | 25 75 | Ju'e 9— " " " " 3, | 49 75 |
| " 9—Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 7, Benevolent Fund..... | 24 00 | " 18— " " " " 4, | 189 00 |
| " 18—To Vict.-Col. Lodge, No. 1, G.·. L.·. Dues..... | 101 00 | " 19— " " " " 5, | 100 00 |
| " 18—To Vict.-Col. Lodge, No. 1, Benevolent Fund..... | 88 00 | " 19— " " " " 6, | 62 00 |
| " 19—To Van.-Quadra L'dge, No. 2, G.·. L.·. Dues..... | 149 50 | " 19—By balance in hands of G.S. | 166 00 |
| " 19—To Van.-Quadra L'dge, No. 2, Benevolent Fund..... | 116 50 | | |
| " 20—To Union Lodge, No. 9. G.·. L.·. Dues ..... | 62 00 | | |
| | $691 25 | | $691 25 |

NANAIMO, B. C., 21st June, 1884.

Before closing this report I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the M.·. W.·. Edgar Crow Baker for kindness extended to me at all times and on all occasions.

And should it be your intention of again honoring me by re-election to the important position of Grand Secretary, I regret that I am compelled to respectfully decline, as the demands upon my time in the discharge of my official duties, precludes my filling such an important office with satisfaction to myself and doing justice to the increasing business of this Grand Lodge.

A. R. MILNE,
Grand Secretary.

Victoria, B. C., 19th June, 1884.

The V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary then read the report of the V.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, presenting his Annual Statement of Account Current with the Grand Lodge and exhibit of the Finance of the Craft for the Masonic year just ended.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred back to the V.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer for amendment in respect to furnishing some detail of items and for re-arrangement. The report as amended is as follows:

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| " " 5, | | 100 00 |
| " " 6, | | 62 00 |
| hands of G.S. | | 166 00 |
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# THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

M. W. WAITT, Grand Treasurer,
In account current with the Benevolent Fund of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

| 1883. DR. | | 1883. CR. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 25—To balance | $312 00 | Sept. 5—By Relief, Lodge No. 2 | $ 20 00 |
| 1884. | | Dec. 6—By Loaned Grand Lodge | 110 00 |
| June 9—To Cash from Bro. G. Sec'y, Mt. Hermon | 24 00 | 1884. | |
| " 12—To Cash returned by G. L. | 110 00 | Feb. 11—By Bro. Sec'y, order, relief Lodge No. 2 | 31 25 |
| " 18—To Cash from Bro. Sec., Victoria-Columbia Lodge | 88 00 | By balance | 372 75 |
| | $534 00 | | $534 00 |

Victoria, June 29th, 1884.

M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

M. W. WAITT, Grand Tressurer,
In account with the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

| 1883. DR. | | 1883. CR. | |
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| June 25—To balance | $422 06 | June 27 By Expenses Grand Tyler, New Westminster | $ 13 25 |
| July 1—To interest to date | 10 54 | " 27—By Tyling Grand Lodge | 15 00 |
| Dec. 6—To bor'd from Ben. Fund | 110 00 | July 4—By Munroe Miller, printing | 5 00 |
| 1884. | | " 17—By 6 mo. salary, Bro. Sec. | 75 00 |
| May 10—To Cash Bro. Sec. Cariboo Lodge | 38 75 | " 17—By 6 mo. rent of room to 30th June | 25 00 |
| " 17—To Cash Bro. Sec. Ashlar Ld | 85 75 | " 17—By C. F. Beaven, board of visitors | 84 00 |
| June 9—To Cash Bro. Sec. Mount Hermon Lodge | 25 75 | " 17—Vic. Trans. Co., Carriages | 15 50 |
| " 18—To Cash Bro. Sec. Vic.-Col. Lodge | 101 00 | " 17—By Geo. Winter, do | 3 50 |
| " 19—To Cash Bro. Sec. Van.-Quadra Lodge | 100 00 | " 17—By S. Coaness do | 3 00 |
| " 19—To Cash Bro. Sec. Union Lodge | 62 00 | " 17—By J. Lawson do | 2 50 |
| | | " 17—By Brown & White | 5 50 |
| | | " 26—By D. Bamfield | 1 00 |
| | | Sep. 4—By J. B. Sere | 2 00 |
| | | " 29—By Evening Post | 2 50 |
| | | Oct. 2—By Victoria Standard | 2 50 |
| | | Nov. 4—By Weekly Colonist | 4 00 |
| | | Dec. 6—By Printing G. L. Reports | 110 80 |
| | | 1884. | |
| | | Feb. 2—By Munroe Miller | 5 00 |
| | | " 11—By T. N. Hibben & Co | 62 |
| | | " 11—By M. W. Waitt & Co | 14 88 |
| | | " 11—By D. W. Higgins | 2 00 |
| | | " 12—By Bro. Trickey | 7 50 |
| | | " 12—By Charles Hayward | 25 00 |
| | | " 26—By W. F. & Co., Grand Lodge Diplomas | 75 25 |
| | | " 26—By Munroe Miller, printing | 5 00 |
| | | April 30—By Welch, Rithet & Co., Insurance | 7 00 |
| | | May 5—By Munroe Miller | 6 00 |
| | | " 14—By Victoria Standard | 6 50 |
| | | June 12—By returned to Ben. Fund | 110 00 |
| | | " 18—By 6 mo. salary Bro. Sec. | 75 00 |
| | | " 19—By Times Pub. Co. | 50 |
| | | " 19—By balance | 245 55 |
| | $955 85 | | $955 85 |

Victoria, June 29th, 1884.

M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee, on the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, was then submitted, stating that the accounts of those officers had been duly examined and found correct.

*Resolved,* That the report be received and adopted.

In the absence of the President the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, as Secretary of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the Annual Report, with appendices, which is as follows:—

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

VICTORIA, B. C., 19th June, 1884.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

The Board of General Purposes has again the honor to place before the Grand Lodge their Annual Report for 1883–84.

There have been twenty-two sessions of the Board from their first meeting on 16th July, 1883. to the 19th June, 1884, and there were also two special meetings called, but no session for want of a quorum.

At the first meeting on the 16th July, 1883, R.·. W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, Sen., Past Grand Master, was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Board for the year.

The following Committies were appointed:—

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| R.·. W.·. Bro. Eli Harrison, Sr.,<br>R.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. Trounce,<br>V.·. W.·. Bro. M. W. Waitt, | Foreign Correspondence. |
| R.·. W.·. Bro. Henry Brown,<br>R.·. W.·. Bro. Robt. Beaven,<br>W.·. Bro. Robt. Elder, | Printing and By-Laws. |
| R.·. W.·. Bro. Mark Bate,<br>V.·. W.·. Bro. M. W. Waitt,<br>W.·. Bro. James Millar, | Grievances and Jurisprudence. |
| R.·. W.·. Bro. Robt. Beaven,<br>" " Dixi H. Ross,<br>" " E. J. Salmon, | Finance and Returns of Subordinate Lodges. |

The Board at the first meeting resolved to hold their regular monthly meetings on the last Monday of each month, commencing with the 30th July, 1883.

The Board approved of the several amounts that were incurred

in the entertainment of Illustrious Bro. Albert Pike, 33°, and party, in keeping with the resolution passed in Grand Lodge at the last annual Communication.

The Board had much pleasure in concurring with the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, in accepting the invitation of the Trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home, through the Hon. Secretary, J. H. Lawson, Esq., to lay the foundation stone of their new building, and they have much pleasure to report that the large attendance of the fraternity, the arrangement of the route and procession, with the excellent manner in which the entire services were conducted, reflected much credit on the Craft in Victoria.

A subsequent gift of money was also donated by the fraternity to that very deserving institution.

The Board appointed a committee of three to carry out the resolution of Grand Lodge to comment and report upon the address of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, the same having been done and printed as you have already no doubt observed in the last proceedings, page 44.

The calls upon the Fund of Benevolence were met with promptitude by the Board; the following were the only amounts asked for, viz.:—

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| No. 1. | To Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2..... | $31 25 |
| No. 2. | " " " " " ..... | 20 00 |
| | Total..... | $51 25 |

A Communication from the Grand Master of Masons of the Colony of Victoria, Australia, asking for recognition of that newly formed Grand Lodge, the same was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The Board have much pleasure in approving the report of the Committee, which is appended herewith and marked "A."

A Communication was received and laid before the Board from Bro. N. J. Lindsay, of Calgary, N. W. T., on behalf of the Brethren dated 25th November, 1883, asking for information in regard to the oaganization of a lodge at that place. The Grand Secretary replied, sending him a copy of our Constitution and also By-Laws of subordinate lodges. The Board subsequently received a reply stating it was their intention to connect themselves with the jurisdiction of Manitoba, and thanking us for our kindness and courtesy. The Board, however, thought it best to intimate to the Brethren at Calgary that as some doubts were entertained as to the political boundaries of the North-West Territories, and that should it be hereafter determined that Calgary is within the limits of this Province, it would be neces-

sary for them to place themselves under our jurisdiction, (although at present offering no objections).

It is with much sorrow that the Board has to record the loss of our V.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain, Robert H. Smith, whose sudden demise, with the sad circumstances connected therewith has left a deep impression on our minds.

The Board cheerfully sanctioned the payment of Twenty-Five dollars from Grand Lodge Funds, for some necessary expenditure in connection with the funeral of our deceased brother, and trust the same will meet with your approval.

A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the family of our late Brother Smith; a copy of the same is herewith attached and marked "B."

There has been no vacancies in the Board from change of residence, death or other causes.

The Board is happy to state that there has been no appeals from the Subordinate Lodges during the past year.

The greater part of the time of the Board has been occupied in revising the Constitution, and the members, one and all, have been most indefatigable in prosecuting the work, holding meetings every week for the past four months, and it is to be hoped that their labors and results will meet with the approbation of Grand Lodge, when presented, but that inasmuch as it has been found impracticable to complete the work, and issue the circulars with "printed notices of Amendments to constitution," your Board suggests the granting of further time, and that the whole matter be fully considered upon a subsequent date at an emergency meeting of Grand Lodge convened for that purpose.

The Board submit the report of the Audit Committee on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the Masonic Year.

Report of said Committee is herewith appended and marked "C."

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. TROUNCE, Pres.

A. R. MILNE, Grand Secretary.

ELI HARRISON, Vice-Pres.

## APPENDICE A.

VICTORIA, March 1st, 1884.

To the Board of General Purposes of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence report as follows:

That the Organization of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, inaugu-

rated in the City of Melbourne, Australia, on the 2nd of July, A. D., 1883, is in strict accordance with the ancient usage and customs of the Order.

Your Committee have therefore much pleasure in recommending that the Officers of the said Grand Lodge be informed that they will recommend this Grand Lodge at the next Communication to recognize them as an Independent Grand Lodge, and give them a fraternal welcome as such, by extending to them every courtesy in their power.

E. HARRISON, P. G. M.
THOS. TROUNCE, D. G. M.
M. W. WAITT, Grand Treasurer.

## APPENDICE B.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M., B. C.
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, 24th Nov., 1884.

MRS. SAMUEL REID:

Dear Madam,—A great bereavement having fallen upon you, so closely following the demise of your esteemed mother, in the sudden decease of your honored father (Rev. R. H. Smith, V.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia), I am directed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master of Masons, and Board of General Purposes, A. F. & A. M., to give expression to their profound sorrow, and testify to their fervent affection and sincere respect they cherished towards him. In your father we found a man whose character and gifts made him widely known, while his upright and consistent life secured for him the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Thoroughly conscientious, he never permitted considerations of mere personal interest to swerve him from what he believed to be the path of duty. We knew how faithful, tender, and true he was in his friendship, and that his strong convictions, earnestly maintained, always commanded respect. Though with startling suddenness the summons came, we know that he was not unready, so that you who are left behind in the loneliness and amazment of your bereavement, may find consolation in the recollection of his virtues, a precious memory to cheer you in the hour of your deep gloom. He will be long remembered by us, though his place here is vacant, and can with difficulty be filled. We would not intrude upon your deep sorrow, we can but ask the privilege of mingling our tears with you, his children, over the grave of your father and our Brother; we can do but little to assuage your grief, we can point you upward to our common Father, who is all goodness and all mercy, and does not "willingly afflict the children of men." Our

prayer is that he may uphold you in His all powerful arms, and that you may find the consolation we would but cannot give, and rejoice that yet a little while you and we may rejoin him in that Celestial Lodge where the great "Architect of the Universe" rules and presides, where there shall be no tears, no sorrow, no parting. Please convey to your sisters this our expression of sincere sorrow.

I have the honor to be, dear Madam,

Faithfully and Friendly, yours,

A. R. MILNE,

[SEAL] Grand Secretary.

## APPENDICE C.

## RERORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.

To the Board of General Purposes of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

I, the undersigned, a member of the Finance Committee, have examined the accounts and audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and beg leave to report as follows:—

GENERAL FUND.

| | | |
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| To balance on hand last audit | | $422 06 |
| " Receipts by Treasurer during the year | | 423 79 |
| " balance on hand, Grand Secretary | | 49 50 |
| Total | | $895 35 |
| By Expenditure | | 600 30 |
| " balance in hands of Grand Secretary | $ 49 50 | |
| " " " Grand Treasurer | 245 55 | $295 05 |

BENEVOLENT FUND.

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| To balance on hand last audit | | $312 00 |
| " Receipts by Treasurer during the year | | 112 00 |
| " balance in hand, Grand Secretary | | 116 50 |
| Total | | $540 50 |
| By Expenditure, as per vouchers | | 51 25 |
| " balance in hand, Grand Secretary | $116 50 | |
| " " " Grand Treasurer | 372 75 | $489 25 |

ROBERT BEAVEN.

NANAIMO, B. C., 20th June, 1884.

*Resolved,* That the Report of Board of General Purposes be considered as a whole.

*Resolved,* That the Report of Board of General Pur-

poses, with the appendices, be approved and adopted as a whole, and that the same be embodied in the printed proceedings.

## RECOGNITION EXTENDED.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master directed the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary to again read that portion of the Report of the Board of General Purposes relative to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia. The M.·. W.·. Grand Master recommended that action be now taken to formally extend to this Sister Grand Lodge in the Southern Hemisphere a fraternal recognition.

The V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, A. R. Milne, for the information of the Grand Lodge presented a synopsis of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria was organized in the City of Melbourne on the 2nd day of July, 1883. There were present the duly accredited Representatives of nineteen (19) Lodges, of which eleven (11) worked under the Irish, six (6) under the Scotch, and two (2) under the English Constitutions. After the usual preliminaries, M.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. S. Coppin was elected Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. Bro. H. W. Halloway, Grand Secretary.

The V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary hereupon remarked that this mixture would forcibly remind our brethren of like difficulties encountered by us at the formation of our own Grand Lodge.

There has been received by this Grand Lodge a circular letter signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and under the Seal of the Grand Lodge, giving a short history of Freemasonry in the Colony of Victoria, and claims that it has been legally formed and constituted, and asking recognition, and that the interest and further progress of the Fraternity in that distant Colony demand that it be governed by one head instead of three, as formerly.

The following extract is taken from the circular. "Taking a review of the history of Freemasonry in the world, we submit that we are but following in the wake of other communities, and that the formation of a Grand Lodge of Victoria is only the inevitable result of the march of progress. As children of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, we are proud of our parentage, but as in the course of human life, the child grows into manhood, and necessarily takes into his own hand the government of his own affairs, so do we, as Masons now arrived at maturity, feel within ourselves a natural and, as we think, a laudable desire to rank as such." * * * * * * * "Having formed our Grand Lodge strictly in accord with all precedent, we now affirm that it is Masonically in possession of this Territory, and from now and henceforth claim supreme jurisdiction within the Colony of Victoria."

*Resolved,* That the Report of the Board of General Purposes, approving the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, be received and adopted, and that this Grand Lodge most cordially and fraternally recognize her as a sister Grand Lodge in fraternal fellowship and correspondence, extending to her the friendly hand of welcome, with our best wishes for her future welfare and prosperity, and recommend the usual exchange of Representatives.

*Resolved,* That the Report of W.·. Bro. William Howay, Deputy of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master in *re*-official visitation of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, Burrard Inlet, be received, approved, and printed.

REPORT OF W.·. BRO. WM. HOWAY, *RE* MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 17th, 1884.

A. R. MILNE, ESQ., Grand Secretary:

V.·. W.·. Sir and Bro.—In obedience to the request of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, I visited Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, on the evening of June 7th, when I had the pleasure of seeing the work exemplified in the First Degree, by the initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of Masonry.

The work was done in a very able and efficient manner by the officers and members of the lodge.

The books are well kept by the present Secretary, and are in every respect a credit to him and the Lodge of which he is an officer.

In consequence of many of the members living so far from Moodyville the meetings have not been as well attended as they might have been, and I am sorry to say that they have missed meeting on two regular Communications. But they are in hopes that difficulty is overcome; first, by the improved means of communication, and second, by the initiations of new members and the affiliation of some brethren in the immediate vicinity.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. HOWAY.

On motion of Bro. Ralph Craig, seconded by W.·. Bro. John Buie, it was

*Resolved,* That the Report from W.·. Bros. Past Masters Jonathan Nutt and H. McDermott, in reference to the state of the Craft at Cariboo, be adopted as read and embodied in the proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE *RE* CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.

To THE M.·. W.·. E. C. BAKER, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M., of British Columbia:

M.·. W.·. Sir,—The undersigned beg leave to submit the following report: In accordance with your command we visited, on the evening of June 2nd, Cariboo Lodge, No. 4. We found the Lodge, so far as finances are concerned, fairly prosperous, and the work in all respects satisfactory.

The work on hand, during the Communication above named, was the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. The attendance was, for this time of the year, and owing to the members being scattered over an extent of territory covering a radius of not less than sixty miles, exceedingly good; displaying an interest in Masonry in general, and the affairs of this Lodge in particular, seldom equalled. Three of the brethren came a distance of over thirty miles on foot, and other three about nine miles, for no other purpose than to visit the Lodge, and discharge their duties in connection therewith. We submit that owing to depression generally through-

out the district, that new material is scarce. However, so long as such unflagging interest is displayed by the brethren of this Lodge, we can look hopefully to the future.

All of which, Most Worshipful Sir, we beg to submit.

Most Fraternally yours,
JONATHAN NUTT.
H. McDERMOTT.

BARKERVILLE, B. C., 7th June, A. D., 1884,
A. L., 5884.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Andrew Haslam, seconded by Bro. William A. Horne, it was

*Resolved,* That the Report of R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert B. Kelly, and W.·. Bro. Josiah Charles Hughes, deputies appointed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, to officially visit Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminiter, be received and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE *RE* UNION LODGE, No. 9.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., June 16th, 1884.

Dear Sir and Brother,—We have the honor to respectfully state for your information, that in accordance with the command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of A. F. & A. M., of British Columbia, we have this day visited Union Lodge, No. 9, in this city, at a special meeting convened for the purpose of meeting us as delegates from the M. W. G. L., and have much pleasure in stating that we found matters respecting that Lodge in an improved condition to that of former years. The utmost harmony prevails among the brethren and members of the Lodge, and Lodge affairs appear to be in a flourishing condition generally.

Work was exemplified in the Entered Appretence Degree, which was creditably done, but we cannot refrain from saying that there is still room for improvement, and until such time as a Grand Lecturer is provided for the Province, to visit and instruct the brethren of the various Lodges, it is apparent that they cannot be expected to make a showing similar to those of other places.

A very laudable and commendable project is at present occupying the attention of this Lodge, with, we think, a fair prospect of success, viz.: the purchase of a suitable city lot for the purpose of erecting thereon a Masonic Temple. Many reasons for this course are apparent; the present Lodge room being inadequate for the require-

ments of the Craft, besides the fact of its being objectionable in various ways. The success attendant upon the efforts of the brethren in Victoria and Nanaimo, as well as Moodyville, in the way of providing a Temple for themselves, stimulates and encourages the brethren in this part of the Province very much, and we trust that they may be able to carry out their wishes in this respect. We do not touch upon the statistics of the Lodge as regards membership, etc., as we presume they will be fully laid before you in the regular reports from the officers of Union Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

R. B. KELLY, S. G. W.
J. C. HUGHES, P. M.

A. R. MILNE,
V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary,
Victoria, B. C.

## REPORT OF GRAND REPESENTATIVES.

Reports of the Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Georgia, New South Wales, Illinois and South Carolina, were then read by the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, and, upon motion, were received and ordered to be printed.

### ARKANSAS.

The M.·. W.·. G.·. L.·. of Arkansas held its 44th Annual Communication in the City of Little Rock on the 27th November, 5883, being the day appointed therefor by their Constitution, and was opened in ample form by M.·. W.·. Bro. Logan H. Root, Grand Master. Nearly all the Grand Officers were present. Eight Past Grand Masters, eleven District Deputy Grand Masters, and no less than 42 Grand Representatives, (including British Columbia) were in their respective stations, besides the representatives from 281 Lodges of the jurisdiction, being the largest assembly ever held in G.·. L.·. in the State. The Grand Master in his address mentions the fact the membership in the United States has increased by about 14,000, and that the suspensions for non-payment of dues has decreased by 1,200 as compared with the previous year. No deaths among the Grand Officers; no important appeals; peace and harmony prevailing among themselves and in all their relations throughout the world. A very pleasing reminiscence of 1849 is briefly dwelt upon, and the circumstance of laying the corner stone of the Little Rock University building is referred to: several dispensations were granted to new lodges; six dispensations granted for change of domicile; varied and numerous dispensations were granted for circumstances not dwelt upon, as also many deputizations for laying corner stones and the

dedications of new halls; twenty decisions of an interesting nature are given by the Grand Master; the condition of the Craft affords the Fraternity ample reason for felicitation.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Jno. J. Sumpter, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
VICTORIA, B. C., 21 June, 1884. Grand Representative.

## GEORGIA.

The Annual Communication of this M.·. W.·. and time honored Grand Lodge, assembled in Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple in the City of Macon, on the 30th October, 1883, all the Grand Officers being present, except Bro. Estell, the S.·. G.·. W.·., for which painful, though sufficient reason is given. Nine elective Past Grand Officers and twenty-one Grand Representatives of other Grand Bodies were also present, but among the latter I do not observe the name of Bro. Calvin Fay, our representative—this is the second time in succession that I notice this truancy, and I sincerly trust that the brother is not getting apathetic. The Grand Master's Address is terse and crisp, but replete nevertheless with systematic advice and sound sense of argument. He says: "We meet for a three-fold purpose; to review the Past, consider the Present, and draw designs and prepare plans for the Future;" he also says: "Much of the Past will always be regretted, much of the Present is even now to be deplored; what shall the Future be? Shall the symbols of our Order rust in our hands? and at the last hang like leaden weights about our necks as terrible witnesses of our stupidity and the folly of false pretensions to moral and right living?" From which it would appear that inertness and lassitude, masonically, are not peculiar to British Columbia. The diction of the Grand Master, under the heading of Decisions, is exceptionally carefully put together, instructive throughout, and exhaustive to a fault.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Jon. S. Davidson elected Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear re-elected Grand Secretary.

Next Communication will be held 28th October, 1884. Three hundred and nine Lodges on the roll, most of them represented.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
VICTORIA, B C., 21 June, 1884. Grand Representative.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

Some irregularity in mail communication doubtless accounts for it, but up to the present moment, save and except an occasional number of the "Sydney Freemason" and "Melbourne Victorian Free-

mason," the proceedings to June, 1882, are the last received; at which date M.·. W.·. Bro. J. S. Farwell was still the Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Nicholas Weekes the Grand Secretary. There were 32 Lodges on the roll, (an increase of five since last I reported), and they were acknowledged by 16 Grand Lodges, (an increase of 7 since last mentioned). No mention is made of British Columbia in their "report or proceedings of other Grand Bodies;" this is almost unpardonable, as our proceedings have been promptly mailed to them, and we were among the first to extend to them the much desired fraternal welcome.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
VICTORIA, B. C., 21 June, 1884. Grand Representative.

## ILLINOIS.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois held its 44th Annual Communication in the City of Chicago on 2nd October, 1883. The printed proceedings, as usual, are rich in matters of import to the fraternity. The Grand Master's address is very concise and thoroughly practical. The decisions are principally local in their application. I quote the following, upon the subject of jurisdiction, (a question continually cropping up and not confined to any particular section).

"A, after being initiated in Lodge 1, moves within the jurisdiction of Lodge 3. Lodge 1 afterwards surrenders its charter. Lodge 2, being the nearest to Lodge 1, falls heir to its unfinished work, and Lodge 3 cannot act upon the petition of A for advancement without the consent of Lodge 2."

I find that charges were preferred against the Masters of several lodges, and discipline administered where deserved. Regarding the amendment to their constitution, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, acknowledging as parts of the Masonic Body "Chapter Council Commandery and bodies of the Scottish Rite, debaring Masons of that jurisdiction from association with other bodies claiming to be Masonic. Grand Master Browning objects in toto recognizing no degrees except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the various States and Territories of the United States and the Governments throught the world." I believe our Grand Lodge is not yet prepared to discuss the action of our Massachusetts brethren, though we are aware of its extreme importance, and that the solution of this problem will ere long be presented for serious consideration. The Grand Secretary's report gives a careful resume of fiscal and routine transactions, and justly complains of the amount of extra labor entailed by delay of returns from constituent lodges. He recommends change of dates, with other valuable suggestions of local sectional interest. Among the reports of

assistant Grand Lecturers, that of Bro. J. H. C. Dill, with its record of 75 days labor, seems to deserve special mention. The report of the trial and conviction of Past Grand Secretary Birrell, for defalcation, thoroughly vindicates the action taken by that Grand Body in not allowing a brother's prominent position in the Craft to shield him from the consequence of his guilt. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a wonderful epitome of the general work among the Craft, and its terse and sparkling comments are in keeping with the established reputation of its author as a leader of Masonic thought, and though elsewhere Bro. Gurney tells the Grand Lodge he is on the shady side of sixty, he seems to gather fresh strength of mental power from ripe experience. My space is too limited to admit of quotations, though desire to do so is strong. I heartily recommend the perusal of this report, desiring that others should participate in the gratification it has afforded me.

M.·. W.·. Daniel M. Browning, Benton, re-elected Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Loyal L. Munn, Freeport, (re-elected) Grand Secretary.

E. C. NEUFELDER,
Grand Representaive.

June 21st, 1884.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE M.·. W.·. GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

M.·. W.·. Grand Master and V.·. W.·. Brethren,—It affords me much pleasure to state that the Grand Body which I have the honor to represent held its 107th Annual Communication in the City of Charleston, on December 11th, 1883, when 132 Lodges were represented. There were also Special Communications held during the year at the Town of Camden, and also at the Town of Beaufort, for the purpose ot laying foundation stones.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, in his address, congratulates the Brethren on the peace and harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction. Dispensations have been granted for three new Lodges. A Special Committee was appointed to prepare a Tribute of Respect to the memory of Past Grand Master James Connor, who was called from his earthly labors since the last Annual Communication. The plan of Bienial Communications is again recommended by the Grand Master as being the surest way to reduce the debt owing by Grand Lodge. The returns show 5201 Master Masons in the jurisdiction; 712 degrees were conferred during the year, and only two candidates rejected. British Columbia has a fraternal notice in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro. W. W. Humphreys was elected M.·. W.·. Grand Master, and Bro. Charles Inglesby re-elected Grand Secretary.

HENRY BROWN,
Grand Representative.

On motion it was

*Resolved,* That the attention of the Board of General Purposes be called to the fact that the Report of the Trustees of Grand Lodge and Benevolent Funds has not been submitted, and that the Board be requested to apply to the Trustees to furnish the same.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GRAND LODGE AND BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

Annual Report of the Trustees of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge and Benevolent Funds of A. F. & A. M., of British Columbia.

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| 1883. | | |
| June 22, | Cash in Savings Bank | $106 00 |
| " " | " on hand | 60 |
| " 30, | Interest from Savings Bank | 4 45 |
| " " | " " Shares in the Building Fund | 140 30 |
| | | $251 35 |
| 1884. | | |
| Feb. 13, | Paid for one Share in the Masonic Temple | $ 20 00 |
| " " | Cash in Savings Bank | 231 00 |
| " " | Cash on hand | 35 |
| | | $251 35 |

ELI HARRISON, P. G. M.
THOS. TROUNCE, D. G. M.
VICTORIA, June 19, 1884. H. F. HEISTERMAN, P. G. S.

The V.·.W.·. Grand Secretary stated that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence had not yet placed in his hands their report, but he understood that the same was in course of preparation. It was

*Resolved,* That the Committee be granted further time to complete their report, and that the same, if ready, be published in the proceedings.

## RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following named brethren presented their credentials as Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

M.·. W.·. Bro. Edgar C. Baker, from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Dalby, from the Grand Lodge of Canada.
R.·. W.·. Bro Mark Bate, from the Grand Lodge of California.
M.·. W.·. Bro. Edgar C. Baker, from the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
W.·. Bro. Alex. Mayer, from the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
M.·. W.·. Bro. Edgar C. Baker, from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.
V.·. W.·. Bro. A. R. Milne, from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Robt. Beaven, from the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Grand Lodge then proceded to the election of officers for the year 1884–5, which resulted as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Edgar Crow Baker, (re-elected) Grand Master. Lodge No. 1.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Trounce, (re-elected) Deputy Grand Master. Lodge No. 1.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Beaven, Grand Senior Warden. Lodge No. 2.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Alex. R. Milne, Grand Junior Warden. Lodge No. 2.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Dalby, Grand Treasurer. Lodge No. 2.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Edward C. Neufelder, Grand Secretary. Lodge No. 2.
Bro. William Trickey, (re-elected) Grand Tyler. Lodge No. 1.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary the Installation of Grand Officers was made the special order for the evening session at 8 o'clock.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Robert Elder, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30, P. M.

# In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,
Saturday, June 21st, A. L., 5884.

The M.·. W.·. Edgar Crow Baker, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to labor at 7:30 P. M.

Present—Grand Officers and Members as before, and a large number of visiting brethren.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced the following appointed Officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED.

W.·. Bro. Robert Elder, Grand Senior Deacon, Lodge No. 1.
W.·. Bro. Alex. Easson, Grand Junior Deacon, Lodge No. 3.
W.·. Bro. John Buie, Grand Superintendent of Works, Lodge No. 9.
W.·. Bro. Samuel Drake, Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, Lodge No. 3.
W.·. Bro. Andrew Haslam, Grand Marshal, Lodge No. 9.
W.·. Bro. Patrick A. Allen, Grand Sword Bearer, Lodge No. 7.
W.·. Bro. C. C. McKenzie, Grand Standard Bearer, Lodge No. 1.
W.·. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Grand Organist, Lodge No. 3.
W.·. Bro. Isaac Oppenheimer, Grand Pursuivant, Lodge No. 2.
W.·. Bro. Samuel Kelly, Lodge No. 1, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Ralph Craig, " 3, "
W.·. Bro. Sherman Proctor, " 7, "
W.·. Bro. Christian Hagerman, 4, "

Before proceeding to the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, W.·. Bro. John Buie, of Union Lodge, No. 9, desired to state that having been present by invitation at the last meeting of the Board, and from observation he was convinced that the members had very onerous duties to perform.

W.·. Bro. Andrew Haslam endorsed the expressions of W.·. Bro. Buie, and considered it essential for the good of the Craft that the members of the Board should be chosen from the Lodges in Victoria.

The following Brethren were then unanimously elected:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—ELECTED.

IN ADDITION TO THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

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| R.·. W.·. | Eli Harrison | Van.-Qua., | No. 2, Past Grand Master. |
| " | Mark Bate | Ashlar, | " 3, Past Deputy G. Mast. |
| W.·. | Robert Elder | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Grand Senior Deacon. |
| " | Dixi H. Ross | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past G. Junior Deacon. |
| " | James Millar | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Past G. Senior Deacon. |
| " | R. B. McMicking | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past G. Senior Deacon. |

There being seven Brethren who are members of the Board of General Purposes by virtue of their office in Grand Lodge, in addition to the six elected. The following constitute the Board for the ensuing year:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, 1884–5.

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| M.·. W.·. | Edgar C. Baker | Vict.-Col., | No. 1, Grand Master. |
| R.·. W.·. | Eli Harrison, Sr. | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past Grand Master. |
| " | Henry Brown, | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Im. Past G. Master. |
| " | Thos. Trounce | " | " 1, Deputy Grand Master. |
| " | Mark Bate | Ashlar, | " 3, Past Dep. G. Master. |
| " | Robt. Beaven | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Grand Senior Warden. |
| " | A. R. Milne | " | " 2, Grand Junior Warden. |
| V.·. W.·. | Wm. Dalby | " | " 2, Grand Treasurer. |
| " | E. C. Neufelder | " | " 2, Grand Secretary. |
| W.·. | Robert Elder | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Grand Senior Deacon. |
| " | Dixi H. Ross | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past G. Junior Deacon. |
| " | James Millar | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Past G. Senior Deacon. |
| " | R. B. McMicking | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past G. Senior Deacon. |

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Beaven, seconded by W.·. Bro. Andrew Haslam, it was

*Resolved*, That the action of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master be endorsed in regard to not filling the vacant office of V.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain, since the death of V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Hall Smith.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Buie, duly seconded, it was

*Resolved*, That the clause of the Constitution, on page 75, referring to the election of Grand Chaplain, be suspended for the present session, and that the M.·. W.·. Grand Master be authorized to appoint for the next Masonic year some Brother to that position.

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Edgar Crow Baker, (having been re-elected), proceeded to install, agreeable to the ancient formula, the elected and appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

W.·. Bro. Robert Elder acting Grand Director of Ceremonies at the Installation.

The following named officers, (elected and appointed), of Grand Lodge, were then obligated, invested and installed.

N. B.—Those marked * were not present at the Installation.

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| *R.·. W.·. | Thos. Trounce..... | Vic.-Col., | No. 1, | Deputy | Grand Master. |
| " | Robert Beaven.... | Van.-Qua., | " 2, | Grand | Senior Warden. |
| " | Alex. R. Milne.... | " | " 2, | " | Junior " |
| " | William Dalby..... | " | " 2, | " | Treasurer. |
| *V.·. W.·. | E. C. Neufelder... | " | " 2, | " | Secretary. |
| Bro. | Wm. Trickey,..... | Vic.-Col., | " 1, | " | Tyler. |
| W.·. | Robert Elder..... | " | " 1, | " | Senior Deacon. |
| " | Alex. Easson..... | Ashlar, | " 3, | " | Junior " |
| " | John Buie ..... | Union, | " 9, | " | Supt. of Works. |
| " | Samuel Drake..... | Ashlar, | " 3, | " | Dir. of Cer. |
| " | Andrew Haslam..... | Union, | " 9, | " | Marshal. |
| * " | Patrick A. Allen..... | Mt.Hermon | " 7, | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " | C. C. McKenzie..... | Vic.-Col., | " 1, | " | Standard Bearer |
| " | Marcus Wolfe..... | Ashlar, | " 3, | " | Organist. |
| * " | Isaac Oppenheimer ... | Van.-Qua., | " 2, | " | Pursuivant. |
| * " | Samuel Kelly..... | Vic.-Col., | " 1, | " | Steward. |
| " | Ralph Craig..... | Ashlar, | " 3, | " | " |
| * " | Sherman Proctor..... | Mt.Hermon | " 7, | " | " |
| * " | Christian Hagerman.. | Cariboo, | " 4, | " | " |

W.·. Bro. Robert Elder, (acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies), then proclaimed in the East, West and South,

the before mentioned Grand Officers, duly obligated, invested, and amply installed under their respective banners. The usual complimentary expressions were then exchanged between the M.·. W.·. Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

## REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

We, the undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, beg to report: That we have carefully perused that very able (though somewhat lengthy) paper and congratulate the Craft on the Zeal and Ability, displayed by the officer presiding over the affairs of Masonry in this jurisdiction. We fully coincide with the deep regret expressed in the severe loss the Order has sustained in the death of our V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. R. H. Smith, Grand Chaplain.

The revision of the Constitution, we are pleased to learn is progressing; and, though slowly, we trust on completion will be found satisfactory to the majority of the brethren. Your committee are pleased to notice that notwithstanding the numerous duties of our Grand Master, he has found time to visit, officially, several of the subordinate lodges, thereby evincing to the brethren the interest taken in their proceedings, as well as stimulating their zeal for Masonry.

The cordial and fraternal welcome accorded to our Grand Master by the lodges visited by him at Ottawa, is fully appreciated by us, and should opportunity offer we shall at all times be happy to reciprocate.

We note the names of brethren appointed to represent this Grand Lodge in other jurisdictions, and are satisfied that the honor conferred will in every case be duly esteemed.

We are pleased to observe the peace and harmony existing throughout the jurisdiction and that no appeals have been made to the Grand Master during the past year. We have carefully considered the decisions made by the r and Master and, fully concurring in the same, recommend that the necessary portions thereof be embodied with other decisions and printed.

The visit of the Illustrious Brother, Albert Pike, and the eminent brethren who accompanied him, will long be remembered with pleasure, and the lecture delivered on that occasion as an intellectual treat not often enjoyed by the brethren in this jurisdiction.

It is with pride and great gratification we observe the numerous and enthusiastic gathering on the occasion of laying the Foundation

Stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home, and we trust the superstructure thereon raised may long be sustained in its usefulness as a Shelter for the Orphan and a Monument to the promoters of so noble an Institution.

We consider that the remarks of our Grand Master, regarding the advisability of keeping Masonic Reunions more select, are worthy of notice by committees appointed to organize and conduct such gatherings in the future.

The peace and harmony existing between this and Sister Grand Lodges is a cause for congratulation. We are pleased to note that the lodges in our own jurisdiction are reported in a healthy condition, financially and numerically, and we trust that secretaries of lodges will make a note of the remarks applying to them.

We agree with the remarks of our Grand Master, and with him deplore the loss sustained by the Fraternity in the death of our R.·. W.·. Brother H. R. H. Prince Leopold.

The subject of Regalia is one which we think is worthy the consideration of the brethren.

In conclusion we would congratulate the brethren of Grand Lodge in having taken a step forward, inasmuch as they have not deemed it wise or advisable to change their presiding Grand Officer, but have again placed the Emblem of Authority in the hands of one so competent to wield it.

All of which is Fraternally submitted.

H. BROWN.
THOS. TROUNCE.
ROBERT BEAVEN.

## REPORT ON DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Address of the R.·. W.·. the Deputy Grand Master, beg leave to report:

That they join with that officer in regret at the cause of his non-attendance at the last annual session.

That they fully realize that the revision of the Constitution is a work of considerable magnitude, and that further time to complete it is necessary, and they concur in the expression of opinion as to the absence of necessity, upon this occasion, for a lengthy report from the R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT BEAVEN.
H. BROWN.
WM. DALBY.

## NEW BUSINESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced: That in consequence of the revision of the Constitution being incomplete, it would be necessary to defer consideration of the same to a future session, and on motion it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of General Purposes be granted further time to complete the revision of the Constitution.

## MONEY VOTES.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Buie, seconded by W.·. Bro. Robert Elder, it was

*Resolved*, That all money grants be the same as last year.

## PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Mark Bate, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Beaven, it was

*Resolved*, That the Board of General Purposes be authorized to print the proceedings, reports, etc., of this Annual Communication, and also the proceedings of the Special Communication held at Victoria on the 28th of July last.

## MEMORIALS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Alex. R. Milne, duly seconded, it was

*Resolved*, That the V.·. W.·. Grand Secretary be instructed to print with the proceedings, on proper memorial tablets, the names of all Brethren deceased during the year, and that he be authorized to obtain a suitable tablet block for that purpose.

## NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Buie, seconded by W.·. Bro. Andrew Haslam, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the next Anuual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the City of Victoria.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. A. R. Milne it was

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Officers and Brethren of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, for the use of their hall, and for other courtesies extended during the session.

## CLOSING.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia was closed in Ample Form and it was so proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

NANAIMO, B. C. 21st June, 1884.

Edwd C Neufelder
Grand Secy

## APPORTIONMENT MASONIC DIVIDEND
### 1st July, 1884.

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| 3. | E. C. Neufelder | 5 | Shares | $ 5 00 |
| 4. | Robert Beaven | 12 | " | 12 00 |
| 5. | Victoria-Columbia Lodge | 100 | " | 100 00 |
| 6. | Vancouver-Quadra Lodge | 42 | " | 42 00 |
| 8. | G. Bossi | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 12. | M. C. Brown | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 13. | Royal Arch Chapter | 10 | " | 10 00 |
| 15. | Jno. Ramsay | 2 | " | 2 00 |
| 16. | James Isbister | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 18. | R. P. Rithet | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 19. | W. T. Livock | 10 | " | 10 00 |
| 23. | Thomas Trounce | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 25. | A. A. Green | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 28. | Thomas Shotbolt | 7 | " | 7 00 |
| 29. | William Harrison | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 30. | Edgar C. Baker | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 31. | H. L. Jones | 10 | " | 10 00 |
| 32. | J. H. Todd | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 33. | Joseph Spratt | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 34. | Henry Brown | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 35. | R. T. Williams | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 36. | William Keohan | 2 | " | 2 00 |
| 37. | Joseph Loewen | 3 | " | 3 00 |
| 38. | Eli Harrison, Senr | 6 | " | 6 00 |
| 40. | A. Gilmore | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 41. | Henry Saunders | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 42. | J. F. Becker | 2 | " | 2 00 |
| 47. | Geo. Thomson | 10 | " | 10 00 |
| 52. | G. A. Sangison | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 53. | G. Oppenheimer | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 54. | William Dalby | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 55. | C. M. Chambers | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 57. | George Kirsop | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 61. | John Weiler | 2 | " | 2 00 |
| 62. | A. W. Vowell | 5 | " | 5 00 |
| 63. | D. R. Harris | 6 | " | 6 00 |
| 26. | G. L. and B. F. | 271 | " | 271 00 |
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EDGAR CROW BAKER,
Secretary to Trustees.

Victoria, B. C., 2nd July, 1884.

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## MASONIC BUILDING TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH MASONIC BUILDING SHAREHOLDERS.

1st July, 1883, to 30th June, 1884.

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| 1883. | | |
| July 31, | To Rent Roll as per Journal | $ 56 00 |
| Aug. 31, | " " " " | 64 00 |
| Sept. 30, | " " " " | 56 00 |
| Oct. 31, | " " " " | 81 00 |
| Nov. 30, | " " " " | 61 00 |
| Dec. 31, | " " " " | 86 00 |
| 1884. | | |
| Jan. 31, | " " " " | 81 00 |
| Feb. 29, | " " " " | 56 00 |
| Mar. 31, | " " " " | 81 00 |
| April 30, | " " " " | 56 00 |
| May 31, | " " " " | 56 00 |
| June 30, | " " " " | 108 50 |
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| July 1, | " Savings Bank, Interest on deposit | 5 90 |
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| 1883. | | |
| Nov. 7, | By Insurance, Imperial, $5,000 | $ 37 50 |
| " 20, | " Repairs, S. L. Kelly & Co. | 10 25 |
| Dec. 8, | " " Stewart & Braden | 25 90 |
| " 18, | " Taxes, Municipal | 65 00 |
| " 27, | " Commission, 5 per cent. on $176 col. 30th Sept. | 8 80 |
| 1884. | | |
| Jan. 5, | " " " " $228 col. 31st Dec. | 11 40 |
| Aug. 11, | " " " " $118 col. 31st March | 10 90 |
| " 11, | " " " " $220 50 col. 30th June | 11 03 |
| " 11, | " Repairs, John Stewart | 1 40 |
| " 11, | " Dividend Account, amount divisable | 666 20 |
| | | $848 40 |

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
Secretary to Trustees.

Victoria, B. C., 11th Aug., 1884.

Approved:—Eli Harrison, Senr., Eli Harrison, Jr., Thomas Trounce, } Trustees.

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,

FOR THE YEAR 1884—1885.

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| M.·. W.·. | Edgar C. Baker... | Vict.-Col., | No. 1, Grand Master. |
| R.·. W.· | Eli Harrison, Sr.. | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past Grand Master. |
| " | Henry Brown,..... | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Im. Past G. Master. |
| " | Thos. Trounce..... | " | " 1, Deputy Grand Master. |
| " | Mark Bate..... | Ashlar, | " 3, Past Dep. G. Master. |
| " | Robt. Beaven..... | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Grand Senior Warden. |
| " | A. R. Milne..... | " | " 2, Grand Junior Warden. |
| V·.· W.·. | Wm. Dalby..... | " | " 2, Grand Treasurer. |
| " | E. C. Neufelder... | " | " 2, Grand Secretary. |
| W.·. | Robert Elder ..... | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Grand Senior Deacon. |
| " | Dixi H. Ross..... | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past G. Junior Deacon. |
| " | James Millar ..... | Vict.-Col., | " 1, Past G. Senior Deacon. |
| " | R. B. McMicking | Van.-Qua., | " 2, Past G. Senior Deacon. |

VICE-PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

R.·. W.·. Eli Harrison, Sen'r, Past Grand Master.

COMMITTEES.

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| " | Robert Beaven, | |
| " | Wm. Dalby, | |
| " | Eli Harrison, | Grievances and Jurisprudence. |
| " | A. R. Milne, | |
| W.·. | Robt. Elder, | |
| " | R. B. McMicking, | Finance and Returns of Subordinate Lodges. |
| " | Dixi H. Ross, | |
| " | James Millar, | |

Meetings of the Board on last Monday of each month, at Grand Secretary's Office, Masonic Temple, Victoria, B. C., at 7:30 P. M.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, ON THE 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.L., 5871.

1871—FIRST.

| | |
|---|---|
| Israel Wood Powell | Grand Master. |
| Jno. Foster McCreight | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Simeon Duck | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Henry Nathan | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| H. F. Heisterman | " Secretary. |

1872—SECOND.

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|---|---|
| Israel Wood Powell | Grand Master. |
| James A. Grahame | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Simeon Duck | Senior Grand Warden. |
| William R. Clarke | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| H. F. Heisterman | " Secretary. |

1873—THIRD.

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|---|---|
| Israel Wood Powell | Grand Master. |
| John Foster McCreight | Deputy Grand Master. |
| William Dalby | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Eli Harrison, Sen'r | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| H. F. Heisterman | " Secretary. |

1874-75—FOURTH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Simeon Duck | Grand Master. |
| Frederick Williams | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Eli Harrison, Sen'r | Senior Grand Warden. |
| *Ebenezer Brown | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Coote M. Chambers | " Secretary. |

1876—FIFTH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Frederick Williams | Grand Master. |
| Eli Harrison, Sen'r | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Cornelius Thorne | Senior Grand Warden. |
| *J. G. Vinter | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Coote M. Chambers | " Secretary. |

1877—SIXTH.

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|---|---|
| Frederick Williams | Grand Master. |
| Eli Harrison, Sen'r | Deputy Grand Master. |
| *J. G. Vinter | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Coote M. Chambers | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Eli Harrison, Jr. | " Secretary. |

*Deceased.

1878—SEVENTH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Eli Harrison, Sen'r | Grand Master. |
| *J. G. Vinter | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Coote M. Chambers | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Henry Brown | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Eli Harrison, Jr | " Secretary. |

1879—EIGHTH.

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| Eli Harrison, Sen'r | Grand Master. |
| Coote M. Chambers | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Henry Brown | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Eli Harrison, Jr | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Edgar Crow Baker | " Secretary. |

1880—NINTH.

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|---|---|
| Eli Harrison, Sen'r | Grand Master. |
| Coote M. Chambers | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Henry Brown | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Eli Harrison, Jr | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Edgar Crow Baker | " Secretary. |

1881—TENTH.

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|---|---|
| Coote M. Chambers | Grand Master. |
| Henry Brown | Deputy Grand Master. |
| William T. Livock | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Eli Harrison, Jr | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Edgar Crow Baker | " Secretary. |

1882—ELEVENTH.

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|---|---|
| Henry Brown | Grand Master. |
| Mark Bate | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Thomas Trounce | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Robert Burns Kelly | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Edgar Crow Baker | " Secretary. |

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## 1883—TWELFTH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Edgar Crow Baker | Grand Master. |
| Thomas Trounce | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Robert Burns Kelly | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Robert Beaven | Junior " " |
| Marshall W. Waitt | Grand Treasurer. |
| Alex. R. Milne | " Secretary. |

## 1884—THIRTEENTH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Edgar Crow Baker | Grand Master. |
| Thomas Trounce | Deputy Grand Master. |
| Robert Beaven | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Alex. R. Milne | Junior " " |
| William Dalby | Grand Treasurer. |
| Edward C. Neufelder | " Secretary. |

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

| Grand Lodge. | Grand Representative. | Residence. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | R.·.W.·. Stephen H. Beasley. | Montgomery. |
| Arkansas | W.·. J. B. Bond. | Little Rock. |
| Bayreuth | R.·.W.·. Puchta | Bayreuth. |
| California | " G. W. T. Reynolds | San Francisco. |
| Colorado | " Frank C. Young | Denver City. |
| Connecticut | W.·. Nelson G. Hinckley. | Hartford. |
| Canada | R.·.W.·. John Creasor | Owen Sound. |
| Colon and Cuba | W.·. Felix Companioni | Havana. |
| Delaware | R.·.W.·. Chas. C. Heisler | Wilmington. |
| District Columbia | " John Lockie | Washington, D. C |
| England | " J. Braddock Moncton | London. |
| Florida | " LivingstoneW.Bethel | Jacksonville. |
| Georgia | W.·. Calvin Fay | Atlanta. |
| Iowa | R.·.W.·. J. W. Satterthwaite | Mt. Pleasant. |
| Idaho | W.·. W. D. Thomas | Silver City. |
| Illinois | R.·.W.·. Loyal L. Munn | Freeport. |
| Indiana | " Wm. F. Tuley | Indianapolis. |
| Kansas | W.·. Levi P. Mason | Leavenworth. |
| Kentucky | R.·.W.·. Elisha Warfield | Louisville. |
| Louisiana | " Amos Kent | Vermillionville. |
| Manitoba | " W. G. Scott | Winnipeg, Mana. |
| Missouri | " A. McDowell | Greenfield. |
| Maine | " Wm. A. Poor | Belfast. |
| Nevada | W.·. Charles W. Friend | Virginia City. |
| Nova Scotia | R.·.W.·. J. N. S. Marshall | Halifax. |
| New South Wales | " J. F. Burns, L. S. A. | Sydney. |
| New York | " Jno. Phillips | New York. |
| New Brunswick | " Thos. F. Gillespie | St. John, N. B. |
| Nebraska | " Wm. Adair | Dakota City. |
| New Hampshire | " Wm. R. Burleigh | Great Falls. |
| Oregon | " | |
| Pennsylvania | " Pearson Church | Philadelphia. |
| Quebec | W.·. Dickson Anderson | Quebec. |
| Rhode Island | " Isaac Lawrence | Newport. |
| Scotland | R.·.W.·. Edward Savage | Aberdeen. |
| South Carolina | W.·. A. W. Taft | Charleston. |
| Tennessee | R.·.W.·. Geo. S. Blackie | Nashville. |
| Utah | M.·.W.·. R. H. Robertson | Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont | R.·.W.·. Loyal L. Munn | Freeport. |
| Washington Ter | " T. F. McElroy | Olympia. |
| Wisconsin | " Homer S. Goss | Milwaukee. |

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# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE.

| Grand Lodge. | Grand Representative. | Residence. |
|---|---|---|
| Arkansas | M.·.W.·. E. C. Baker | Victoria. |
| Alabama | W.·. A. A. Green | " |
| Bayreuth | V.·.W.·. H. F. Heisterman | " |
| Canada | R.·.W.·. William Dalby | " |
| California | " Mark Bate | Nanaimo. |
| Connecticut | | |
| Columbia District | R.·.W.·. E. Harrison, Sr. | Victoria. |
| Colorado | W.·. Hugh Loyd Jones | " |
| Colon and Cuba | " John Teague | " |
| Delaware | R.·.W.·. Robt. B. Kelly | New Westminster. |
| England | | |
| Florida | R.·.W.·. W. T. Livock | Victoria. |
| Georgia | M.·.W.·. E. C. Baker | " |
| Idaho | W.·. William Howay | New Westminster. |
| Indian Territory | V.·.W.·. Thomas Shotbolt | Victoria. |
| Iowa | R.·.W.·. W. R. Clarke | " |
| Indiana | " Robert Beaven | " |
| Illinois | V.·.W.·. E. C. Neufelder | " |
| Kentucky | R.·.W.·. Thomas Trounce | " |
| Kansas | W.·. Alex. Mayer | Nanaimo. |
| Louisiana | R.·.W.·. Fred'k Williams | Esquimalt. |
| Missouri | W.·. R. B. McMicking | Victoria. |
| Manitoba | R.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Jr. | " |
| Maine | W.·. John A. Cotterell | Burrard Inlet. |
| Nebraska | " R. P. Rithet | Victoria. |
| New York | R.·.W.·. J. J. Southgate | " |
| Nova Scotia | " Cornelius Thorne | " |
| New Brunswick | " Coote M. Chambers | " |
| New South Wales | M.·.W.·. E. C. Baker | " |
| New Jersey | R.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Jr. | " |
| Nevada | W.·. James Brown | Nanaimo. |
| New Hampshire | R.·.W.·. Eli Harrison, Jr. | Victoria. |
| Oregon | V.·.W.·. H. F. Heisterman | " |
| Pennsylvania | W.·. Dixi H. Ross | " |
| Quebec | " James Reid | Quesnelle. |
| Rhode Island | " Jno. Teague | Victoria. |
| South Carolina | R.·.W.·. Henry Brown | " |
| Scotland | V.·.W.·. A. R. Milne | " |
| Tennessee | W.·. Geo. Frye | " |
| Utah | V.·.W.·. H. F. Heisterman | " |
| Vermont | W.·. J. C. Hughes | New Westminster. |
| Washington | V.·.W.·. M. W. Waitt | Victoria. |
| Wyoming | R.·.W.·. Henry Brown | " |
| Wisconsin | R.·.W.·. Jonathan Nutt | Cariboo. |

## *GRAND LODGES.*

### With the Names and Address of the Grand Secretaries.

| Grand Lodge. | Grand Secretary. | Address. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | Daniel Sayre | Montgomery. |
| Arizona | George T. Roskruge | Tucson. |
| Arkansas | F. Hempstead | Little Rock. |
| British Columbia | Edward C. Neufelder | Victoria. |
| Canada | John J. Mason | Hamilton, Ontario. |
| California | Alex. G. Abell | San Francisco. |
| Colorado | Edward Carroll Parmelee | Georgetown. |
| Connecticut | Joseph K. Wheeler | Hartford. |
| Dakota | Chas. T. McCoy | Bon Homme. |
| Delaware | William S. Hayes | Wilmington. |
| Dist. of Columbia | Wm. R. Singleton | Washington, D. C. |
| Florida | DeWitt C. Dawkins | Jacksonville. |
| Georgia | J. Emmet Blackshear | Macon. |
| Idaho | Jonas W. Brown | Boise City. |
| Illinois | Loyal L. Munn | Freeport. |
| Indiana | Wm. H. Smythe | Indianapolis. |
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| Kentucky | Hiram Bassett | Millersburg. |
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| Maryland | Jacob H. Medairy | Baltimore. |
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| Quebec | John H. Isaacson | Montreal. |
| Rhode Island | Edwin Baker | Providence. |

## GRAND LODGES WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETAIRIES.—Continued.

| Grand Lodge. | Grand Secretary. | Address. |
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| South Carolina | Charles Inglesby | Charleston. |
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| Wyoming | J. H. Symmonds | Laramie City. |

### GREAT BRITAIN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| England | Shadwell H. Clerke | London. |
| Scotland | David Murray Lyon | Edinburgh. |
| Ireland | Samuel B. Oldham | Dublin. |

### AUSTRALIAN.

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|---|---|---|
| New South Wales | Nicholas Weeks | Sydney, Australia. |

### EUROPEAN.

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|---|---|---|
| Austro-Hungary | Joseph Hansdorfer | Budapest. |
| Belgium | Reaw Nedgrot | Brussels. |
| Denmark | W. Schytte | Copenhagen. |
| France—Lodge | P. Gourmain-Cornille | Paris. |
| " —Oriente | Geo. Castanet | " |
| " —Council | E. Berard | " |
| Germany— | | |
| Three Globes | H. G. E. VonSchweinichen | Berlin. |
| National | E. T. P. Meyerhoft | " |
| Royal York | Karl E. Bouche | " |
| Hamburg | Joseph Ikli | Hamburg. |
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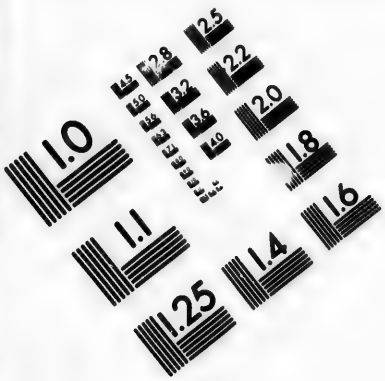

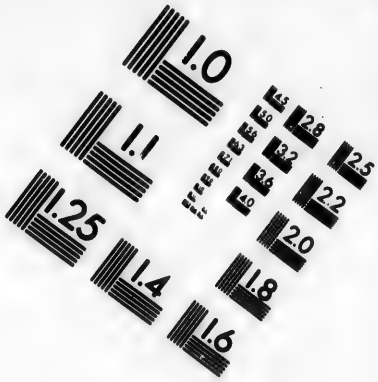

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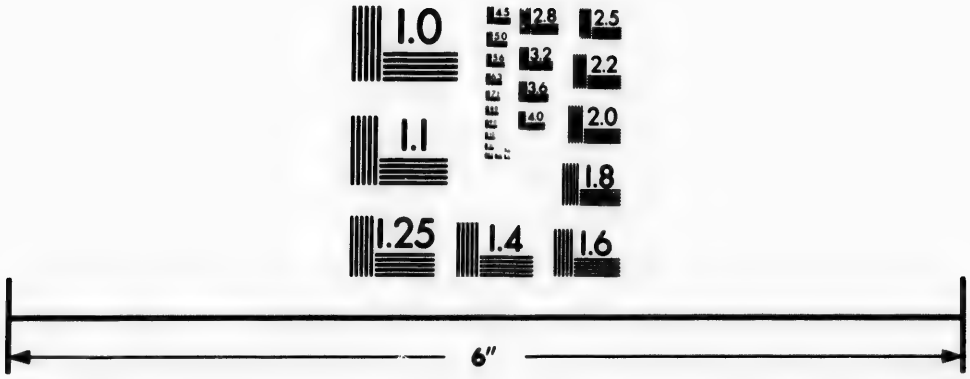

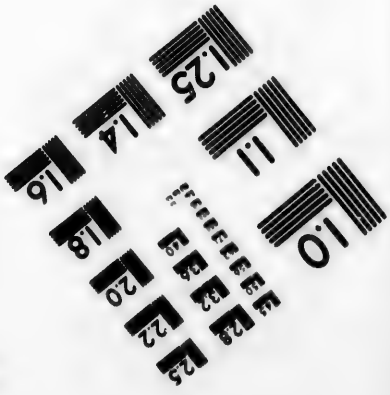

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| Grand Lodge. | Grand Secretary. | Address. |
|---|---|---|
| Germany— | | |
| Bavaria | Ludwig Albert Redlich | Bayreuth. |
| Greece | Erenne Stephano | Athens. |
| Italy | Luigi Castellozzo | Rome. |
| Portugal | Caesar de Castello Bianco | Lisbon. |
| Roumania | Dr. N. Theodoreschi | Bucharest. |
| Spain—Lodge | Esteban L. Miniet | Seville. |
| " —National | Juan U. Y. Fernandez | Madrid. |
| Sweeden | A. H. Hjelinstierna | Stockholm. |
| Switzerland | Herman Kruss | Geneva. |

### AFRICAN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Egypt | F. F. Oddi | Cairo. |
| Liberia | Henry D. Brown | Monrovia. |
| Tunis | Edward Nurri | Tunis. |

### SOUTH AMERICAN.

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| Argentine Repub. | Felix Cajaravillia | Buenos Ayres. |
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| Chili | Julius Villannenon | Valparaiso. |
| Columbia | Antonio W. de Tuberia | Carthagena. |
| Cuba | G. G. Amador | Havana. |
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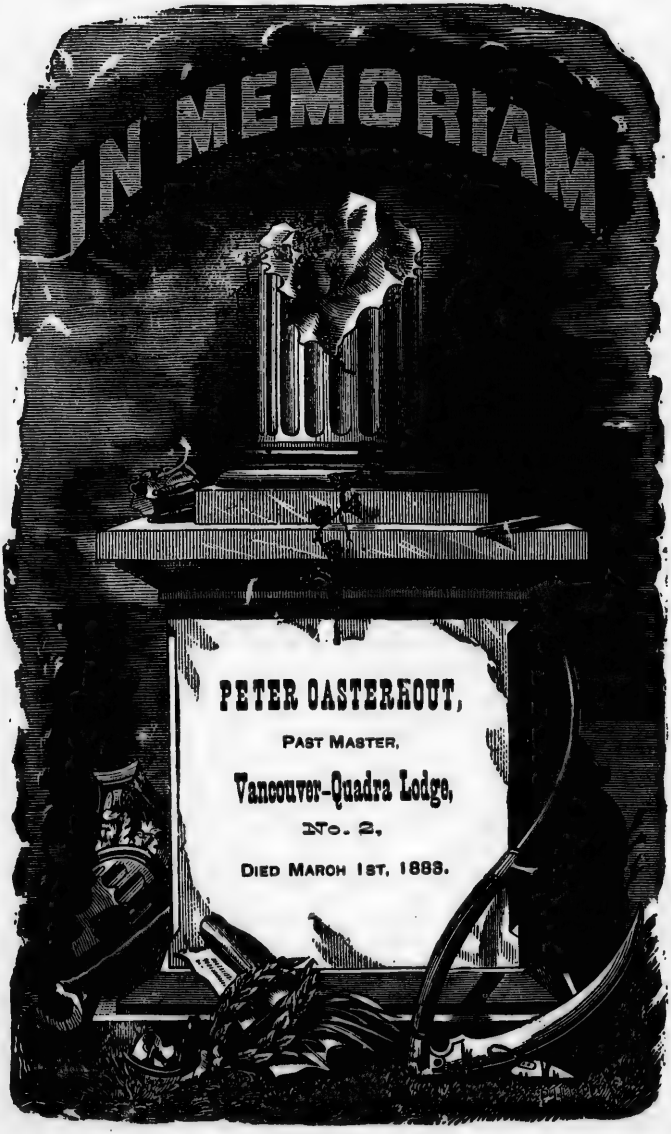
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PETER CASTERHOUT,
PAST MASTER,
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge,
No. 2.
DIED MARCH 1ST, 1883.

IN MEMORIAM
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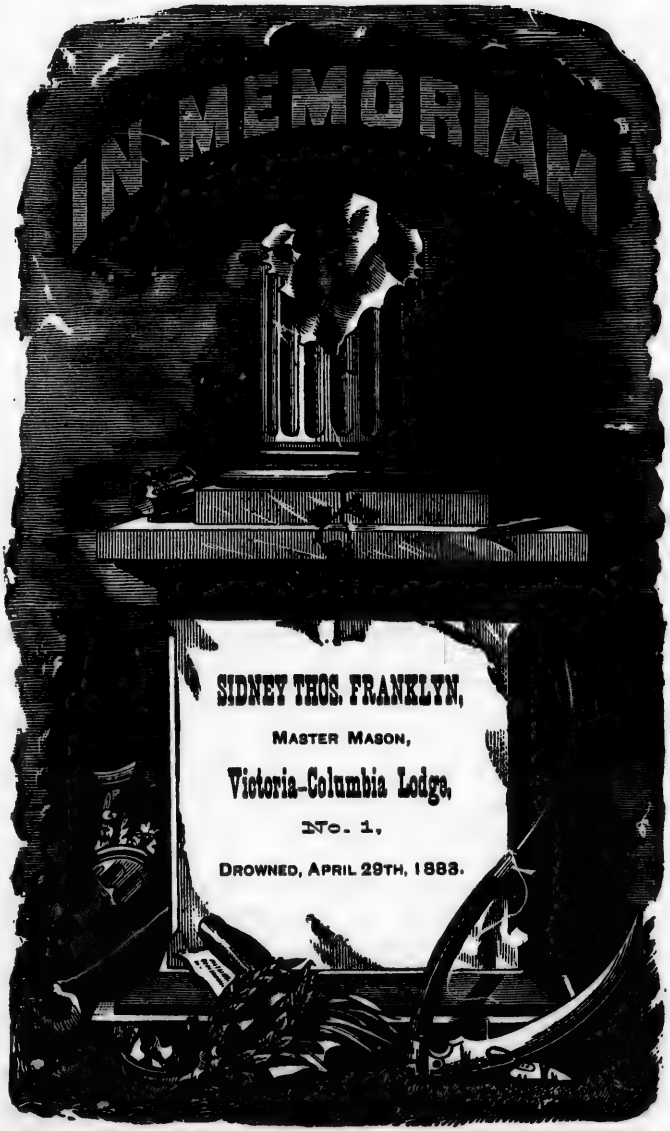
MASTER MASON.
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge,
No. 2.
DIED MARCH 31ST, 1883.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SIDNEY THOS. FRANKLYN,
MASTER MASON,
Victoria-Columbia Lodge,
No. 1,
DROWNED, APRIL 29TH, 1883.

IN MEMORIAM
EBENEZER BROWN,
R.·. W.·. P. J. Grand Warden,
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge,
No. 2,
DIED JUNE 5TH 1883.

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PHILIP J. HALL,
PAST GRAND TYLER.
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge,
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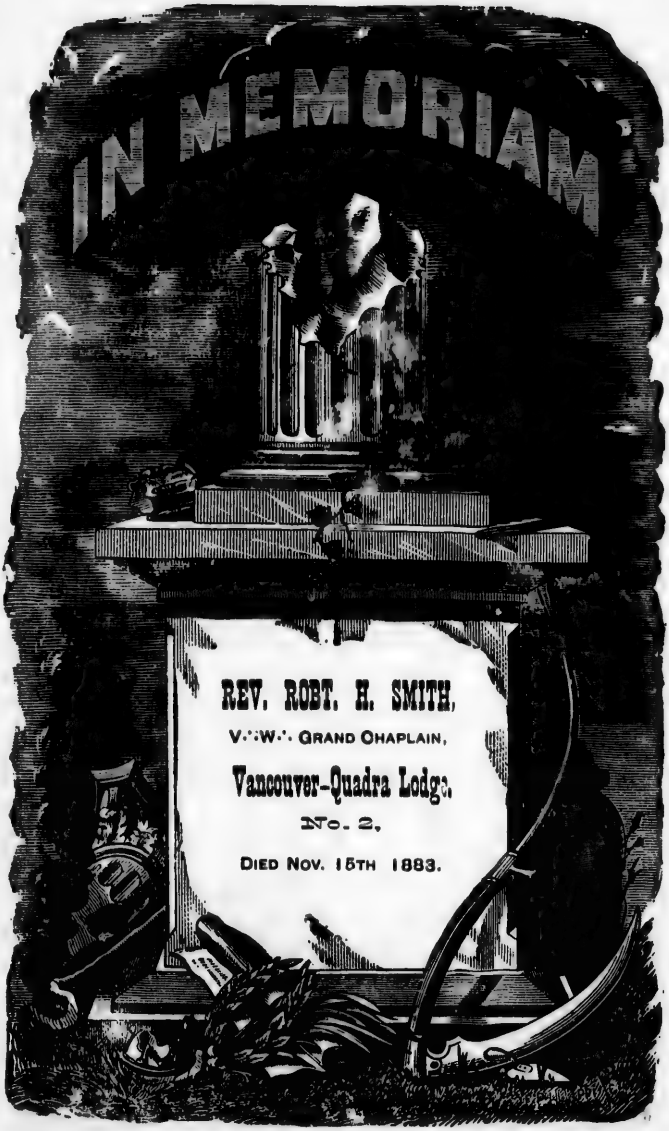
IN MEMORIAM
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V.·.W.·. GRAND CHAPLAIN,
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge,
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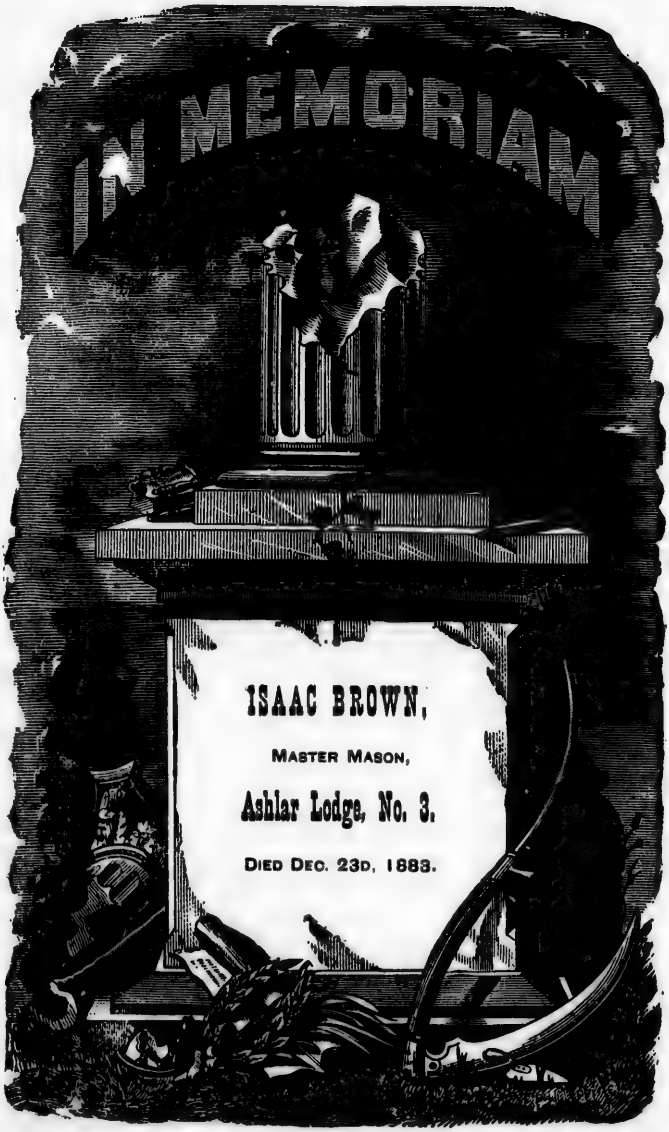
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MASTER MASON,
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# RETURNS

OF THE

# SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

# M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

## VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Thursday in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

### OFFICERS.

McKenzie, C. C., W. M.
Kelly, S. L., S. W.
Gray, S., J. W.
Salmon, E. J., Secretary.
Jones, H. L. Treasurer.
Deans, George, S. D.
Dudgeon, James, J. D.
Gray, E. J., Steward.
Hookway, A. F., Organist.
Esnouf, R. B., I. G.
Trickey, William, Tyler.

### PAST MASTERS.

Baker, E C
Brown, Henry
Clarke, W R
Elder, Robert
Livock, W T
Millar, J
Nathan, Hy
Shotbolt, T
Southgate, J J
Teague, J
Thorne, C
Thomson, G
Trounce, T
Weiler, J
Williams, F
Mitchell, T R
Chudley, W M

### MASTER MASONS.

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Bunte, J G
Bossi, G
Bray, J
Brodrick, R
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Cuniff, T
Davey, F
Dodds, T
Green, A A
Gilbert, T H
Hankin, T
Harrison, Wm
Hartnell, H J
Higgins, D W
Howard, J T
Keeler, R
Kewin, Thomas
Lince, E
Levy, J L
Lindsay, T D
Loewen, J
McNerney, J
Millar, A
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Prior, E J
Robinson, J J
Richards, M S
Stockham, F
Sheehan, D
Salmon, M
Shaw, W N
Sherring, S J H
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Wright, H M
Wickens, R
Wilson J

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Barnard, F S
Jeffree, W T

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Franklyn, Sidney Thomas

LIFE MEMBER.

F. Williams, P. G. M.

HONARARY MEMBERS.

Arthur, William
Dodds, T

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Culliton, Frederick

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## VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the Third Wednesday in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS.

Neufelder, E. C., W. M.
Oppenheimer, I., S. W.
Manson, Wm., J. W.
McMicking, R. B., Secretary.
Becker, J. F. Treasurer.
McLean, John, S. D.
Leiser, S., J. D.
Hookway, A., (not a member), Organist.
Trickey, Wm., (not a member) Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Aikman, H B W
Chambers, C M
Graham, James A
Harrison, Eli, Jr
Waitt, M W
Beaven, Robert
Clute, J S
Heisterman, H F
Milne, R A
Wilson, W B
Dalby, Wm
Harrison, Eli, Sr
McMicking, R B
Ross, Dixi H

MASTER MASONS.

Astrico, C
Batchelor, Job
Bryden, Jas
Brown, R A
Bullen, W F T
Campbell, F
Clarke, J G
Calbreath, J C
Cunningham, Robert
Dorman, Jno
Davies, Joshua
Donahue, A
deVeulle, F G
Ettershank, Wm
Finlayson, Jno
Flett, Jas
Frye, Geo
Harris, D R
Harding, Thos
Henderson, Alex
Hunter, Jos
Johnston, Jno
Inge, Thos
Isaacs, J
Kriemler, Jno
Lewis, Lewis
Louttit, W S
Leiser, Simon
Lovell, J B
Moody, T G
Madden, Jer
Martin, Thos
Mara, J A
Morrison, Wm
McIntosh, S F
Meyer, William
Ofner, A
O'Connor, W F
Purvis, R L
Rudlin, Geo
Ramsay, Jno
Rithet, R P
Rucklee, Hy
Robinson, V E
Ross, Adam
Steele, Peter
Scott, Wm
Sargison, Geo A
Sharp, Robt
Shaw, Thos
Turner, J H

MASTER MASONS (Continued).)

Fox, C C
Gilmore, Alex
Gamble, F C
Gutman, D
Haynes, Wm
Haynes, Geo W
Heron, Robt
Mann, J G
McCulley, Jno
McLennan, Jno
Murray, Hugh
McDonell, R J
McIver, Rod'k
Montobio, G
Tuttle, Guy
Vowell, A W
Williams, R T
Williams, Robert
Wharton, H

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

Bornstein, Herman
Spratt, Joseph

DEMITTED.

Ross, Daniel

DIED.

Brown, E., June 5th, 1883.
Hall, P. J., June 9th, 1883.
Manetta, P., March 31st, 1883.
Ousterhout, Peter, March 1st, 1883.
Smith, Robt. H., Rev., November 15th, 1884.

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# ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

## NANAIMO, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the Second Saturday in each month, at 7:30, P. M.

OFFICERS.

Drake, Samuel, W. M.
Craig, Ralph, S. W.
Summerhayes, A., J. W.
Horth, Charles W., Secretary.
Mayer, Alex., Treasurer.
Westwood, C. N., S. D.
Wolfe, Marcus, J. D.
McLeod, Arch., } Stewards
May, Robert, } Stewards
Stirtan, J. W., I. G.
Grant, Alex., Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Stewart, Wm
Brown, James
Bate, Mark
McKay, Eric B
Frame, John
Easson, Alex

MASTER MASONS.

Abrams, James
Aitken, Robert
Baker, George
Bennie, Charles
Bennie, John
Bevilockway, George
Blackett, W R
Buckley, Noah
Carstairs, James A
Cowie, Archibald
Cowling, Wm B
Davis, David
Dunn, Robert
Edwards, John D
Frame, James
Gill, Alfred
Horne, William
Horne, William A
Horne, Adam G
Harris, David
Hoskins, Edward
Hudson Samuel
Hurst, William J
Martell, Joshua
Manly, John T
McCulloch, William
McLaughlin, Robert K
McLean, Donald J
Miller, Thos
McLean, Neil
McMillan, Daniel
Muir, Archibald
McLean, Malcolm
Miller, Thos
Mahrer, John
Neil, John
Patterson, James
Patterson, John
Pearse, Chas E
Puetz, John
Ross, Henry
Sabiston, John
Smilly, Allan
Stephenson, David
Tamblyn, James
Thomas, David
Trumper. Joseph
Urquhart, Donald
Webb, Joseph
Williams, Richard
Young, C N

DIED,

Isaac Brown, Dec. 23d, 1883.

REJECTED—One.

# CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.

BARKERVILLE, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Monday in each month, at 7:30, P. M.

OFFICERS.

Stone, James, M. W.
Hagerman, Christian, S. W.
Kelly, Andrew, J. W.
Goodson, John G., Secretary.
Pendola, Angelo, Treasurer.
Dow, Geo. A., S. D.
McKay, Daved. J. D.
O'Neil, Cornelius, I. G.
Wormold, William, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Nutt, Johnathan
Stephenson, William

MASTER MASONS.

Thormahlen, Theodore
Paulsen, Charles
Reid, James
VanVolkenburgh, Benjamin
Pearson, E
Deighton, Richard
St. Laurent, Joseph
McDermott, Henry
Johnstone, William A
Valetti, Giovani
Lewis, Lewis J
McMillian, James C
McKenzie, Alex
Glendenning, Peter
Trounce, Walter Pond
Williams, John

DEMITTED.

VanVolkenburgh, Isaac
Harding, Thomas
Glasson, John

RESTORED.

Geo. Byrnes.

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# MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

BURRARD INLET, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the Saturday nearest Full Moon in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS.

Allen, Patrick Andrew, M. W.
Little, Joseph, S. W.
Proctor, Sherwin, J. W.
McDonald, John, Secretary.
VanBramer, James, Treasurer.
Springer, Benj., S. D.
Merrifield, Alex., J. D.
Edwin, Walter, I. G.
McManus, Daniel, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Hughes, Josias Charles
Sweet, Philander Wheeler
Springer, Benjamin
McDonald, John
Black, George

MASTER MASONS.

Fraser, Angus Carmichael
Smith, Henry
Wilson, Benjamin Hervey

DEMITTED.

Buie, John
Glasgon, David
Flett, H T

SUSPENDED.

Walkem, William Wymond

REJECTED—One.

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## UNION LODGE, No. 9.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Monday in each month, at 8 P. M.

OFFICERS.

Buie, John, W. M.
Hoy, Henry, S. W.
Duncan, W. A., J. W.
Howay, William, Secretary.
Hendry, John, Treasurer.
Trapp, Samuel, S. D.
Rae, John D., J. D.
Ellson, Wm., Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

Murray, John
Spiers, James
Kelly, Robert B
Hoy, Henry
Howay, William
Haslam, A

MASTER MASONS.

Johnson, Edwin Clay
Wiggins, John
Nuttall, Reginald
Miller, James
Meade, George
Harvey, James H
Jaques, James G
Smithers, Alfred
Tingley, Stephen
Morsby, Wm
Smithers, Russel
Barns, John
Laidlaw, James A
Dodd, Wm
Gray, Thos W
Douglass, Benjamin
McBride, Arthur Hill
McNealy, Thomas
Lehman, Isaac

HONARARY MEMBER.

Murray, Jonn

DEMITTED.

Smith, W. H. McGregor
Masters, Alfred
Oppenheimer, David

SUSPENDED.

Lee, Christopher
Allison, John

REJECTED—Two.

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